

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*December 18, 2015.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4188) entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2       *This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard Authoriza-*  
3 *tion Act of 2015”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.***

5       *The table of contents for this Act is as follows:*

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1      **TITLE I—AUTHORIZATIONS**2      **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATIONS.**

3      (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Title 14, United States Code, is

4      amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“PART III—COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATIONS AND**  
 2 **REPORTS TO CONGRESS**

“Chap.	Sec.
<b>“27. Authorizations</b> .....	<b>2701</b>
<b>“29. Reports</b> .....	<b>2901.</b>

3 **“CHAPTER 27—AUTHORIZATIONS**

“Sec.
“2702. Authorization of appropriations.
“2704. Authorized levels of military strength and training.

4 **“§ 2702. Authorization of appropriations**

5 *“Funds are authorized to be appropriated for each of*  
 6 *fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for necessary expenses of the*  
 7 *Coast Guard as follows:*

8 *“(1) For the operation and maintenance of the*  
 9 *Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for—*

10 *“(A) \$6,981,036,000 for fiscal year 2016;*  
 11 *and*

12 *“(B) \$6,981,036,000 for fiscal year 2017.*

13 *“(2) For the acquisition, construction, renova-*  
 14 *tion, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore*  
 15 *facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment*  
 16 *related thereto, and for maintenance, rehabilitation,*  
 17 *lease, and operation of facilities and equipment—*

18 *“(A) \$1,945,000,000 for fiscal year 2016;*  
 19 *and*

20 *“(B) \$1,945,000,000 for fiscal year 2017.*

21 *“(3) For the Coast Guard Reserve program, in-*  
 22 *cluding operations and maintenance of the program,*

1     *personnel and training costs, equipment, and serv-*  
2     *ices—*

3             “(A) \$140,016,000 for fiscal year 2016; and

4             “(B) \$140,016,000 for fiscal year 2017.

5             “(4) *For the environmental compliance and res-*  
6     *toration functions of the Coast Guard under chapter*  
7     *19 of this title—*

8             “(A) \$16,701,000 for fiscal year 2016; and

9             “(B) \$16,701,000 for fiscal year 2017.

10            “(5) *To the Commandant of the Coast Guard for*  
11     *research, development, test, and evaluation of tech-*  
12     *nologies, materials, and human factors directly re-*  
13     *lated to improving the performance of the Coast*  
14     *Guard’s mission with respect to search and rescue,*  
15     *aids to navigation, marine safety, marine environ-*  
16     *mental protection, enforcement of laws and treaties,*  
17     *ice operations, oceanographic research, and defense*  
18     *readiness, and for maintenance, rehabilitation, lease,*  
19     *and operation of facilities and equipment—*

20            “(A) \$19,890,000 for fiscal year 2016; and

21            “(B) \$19,890,000 for fiscal year 2017.

1 **“§2704. Authorized levels of military strength and**  
 2 **training**

3 “(a) *ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH.*—*The Coast Guard is*  
 4 *authorized an end-of-year strength for active duty personnel*  
 5 *of 43,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017.*

6 “(b) *MILITARY TRAINING STUDENT LOADS.*—*The*  
 7 *Coast Guard is authorized average military training stu-*  
 8 *dent loads for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 as follows:*

9 “(1) *For recruit and special training, 2,500 stu-*  
 10 *dent years.*

11 “(2) *For flight training, 165 student years.*

12 “(3) *For professional training in military and*  
 13 *civilian institutions, 350 student years.*

14 “(4) *For officer acquisition, 1,200 student years.*

15 **“CHAPTER 29—REPORTS**

“Sec.

“2904. *Manpower requirements plan.*

16 **“§2904. Manpower requirements plan**

17 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*On the date on which the Presi-*  
 18 *dent submits to the Congress a budget for fiscal year 2017*  
 19 *under section 1105 of title 31, on the date on which the*  
 20 *President submits to the Congress a budget for fiscal year*  
 21 *2019 under such section, and every 4 years thereafter, the*  
 22 *Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-*  
 23 *tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives*

1 *and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*  
2 *tation of the Senate a manpower requirements plan.*

3 “(b) *SCOPE.—A manpower requirements plan sub-*  
4 *mitted under subsection (a) shall include for each mission*  
5 *of the Coast Guard—*

6 “(1) *an assessment of all projected mission re-*  
7 *quirements for the upcoming fiscal year and for each*  
8 *of the 3 fiscal years thereafter;*

9 “(2) *the number of active duty, reserve, and ci-*  
10 *vilian personnel assigned or available to fulfill such*  
11 *mission requirements—*

12 “(A) *currently; and*

13 “(B) *as projected for the upcoming fiscal*  
14 *year and each of the 3 fiscal years thereafter;*

15 “(3) *the number of active duty, reserve, and ci-*  
16 *vilian personnel required to fulfill such mission re-*  
17 *quirements—*

18 “(A) *currently; and*

19 “(B) *as projected for the upcoming fiscal*  
20 *year and each of the 3 fiscal years thereafter;*

21 “(4) *an identification of any capability gaps be-*  
22 *tween mission requirements and mission performance*  
23 *caused by deficiencies in the numbers of personnel*  
24 *available—*

25 “(A) *currently; and*

1           “(B) as projected for the upcoming fiscal  
2           year and each of the 3 fiscal years thereafter;  
3           and

4           “(5) an identification of the actions the Com-  
5           mandant will take to address capability gaps identi-  
6           fied under paragraph (4).

7           “(c) *CONSIDERATION*.—In composing a manpower re-  
8           quirements plan for submission under subsection (a), the  
9           Commandant shall consider—

10           “(1) the marine safety strategy required under  
11           section 2116 of title 46;

12           “(2) information on the adequacy of the acquisi-  
13           tion workforce included in the most recent report  
14           under section 2903 of this title; and

15           “(3) any other Federal strategic planning effort  
16           the Commandant considers appropriate.”.

17           (b) *REQUIREMENT FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF AP-*  
18           *PROPRIATIONS*.—Section 662 of title 14, United States  
19           Code, is amended—

20           (1) by redesignating such section as section 2701;

21           (2) by transferring such section to appear before  
22           section 2702 of such title (as added by subsection (a)  
23           of this section); and

24           (3) by striking paragraphs (1) through (5) and  
25           inserting the following:



1           “(1) *For the operation and maintenance of the*  
2       *Coast Guard, not otherwise provided for.*

3           “(2) *For the acquisition, construction, renova-*  
4       *tion, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore*  
5       *facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment*  
6       *related thereto, and for maintenance, rehabilitation,*  
7       *lease, and operation of facilities and equipment.*

8           “(3) *For the Coast Guard Reserve program, in-*  
9       *cluding operations and maintenance of the program,*  
10       *personnel and training costs, equipment, and services.*

11           “(4) *For the environmental compliance and res-*  
12       *toration functions of the Coast Guard under chapter*  
13       *19 of this title.*

14           “(5) *For research, development, test, and evalua-*  
15       *tion of technologies, materials, and human factors di-*  
16       *rectly related to improving the performance of the*  
17       *Coast Guard.*

18           “(6) *For alteration or removal of bridges over*  
19       *navigable waters of the United States constituting ob-*  
20       *structions to navigation, and for personnel and ad-*  
21       *ministrative costs associated with the Alteration of*  
22       *Bridges Program.”.*

23       (c)    AUTHORIZATION    OF    PERSONNEL    END  
24   STRENGTHS.—Section 661 of title 14, United States Code,  
25   is amended—

1           (1) *by redesignating such section as section 2703;*

2           *and*

3           (2) *by transferring such section to appear before*  
 4           *section 2704 of such title (as added by subsection (a)*  
 5           *of this section).*

6           (d) *REPORTS.—*

7           (1) *TRANSMISSION OF ANNUAL COAST GUARD AU-*  
 8           *THORIZATION REQUEST.—Section 662a of title 14,*  
 9           *United States Code, is amended—*

10           (A) *by redesignating such section as section*  
 11           *2901;*

12           (B) *by transferring such section to appear*  
 13           *before section 2904 of such title (as added by*  
 14           *subsection (a) of this section); and*

15           (C) *in subsection (b)—*

16           (i) *in paragraph (1) by striking “de-*  
 17           *scribed in section 661” and inserting “de-*  
 18           *scribed in section 2703”; and*

19           (ii) *in paragraph (2) by striking “de-*  
 20           *scribed in section 662” and inserting “de-*  
 21           *scribed in section 2701”.*

22           (2) *CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN.—Section 663 of*  
 23           *title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

24           (A) *by redesignating such section as section*  
 25           *2902; and*

1           (B) by transferring such section to appear  
 2           after section 2901 of such title (as so redesign-  
 3           ated and transferred by paragraph (1) of this  
 4           subsection).

5           (3) *MAJOR ACQUISITIONS*.—Section 569a of title  
 6           14, United States Code, is amended—

7           (A) by redesignating such section as section  
 8           2903;

9           (B) by transferring such section to appear  
 10          after section 2902 of such title (as so redesign-  
 11          ated and transferred by paragraph (2) of this  
 12          subsection); and

13          (C) in subsection (c)(2) by striking “of this  
 14          subchapter”.

15          (e) *ICEBREAKERS*.—

16          (1) *ICEBREAKING ON THE GREAT LAKES*.—For  
 17          fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the Commandant of the  
 18          Coast Guard may use funds made available pursuant  
 19          to section 2702(2) of title 14, United States Code (as  
 20          added by subsection (a) of this section) for the selec-  
 21          tion of a design for and the construction of an ice-  
 22          breaker that is capable of buoy tending to enhance  
 23          icebreaking capacity on the Great Lakes.

24          (2) *POLAR ICEBREAKING*.—Of the amounts au-  
 25          thorized to be appropriated under section 2702(2) of

7       (f) *ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS.*—*The Commandant of*  
8   *the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on Home-*  
9   *land Security of the House of Representatives—*

10                   (1) each plan required under section 2904 of title  
11                   14, United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of  
12                   this section;

13                   (2) *each plan required under section 2903(e) of*  
14                   *title 14, United States Code, as added by section 206*  
15                   *of this Act;*

16                   (3) each plan required under section 2902 of title  
17                   14, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection  
18                   (d) of this section; and

19 (4) each mission need statement required under  
20 section 569 of title 14, United States Code.

22 (a) ANALYSIS FOR TITLE 14.—The analysis for title  
23 14, United States Code, is amended by adding after the  
24 item relating to part II the following:

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1       (b) *ANALYSIS FOR CHAPTER 15.*—*The analysis for*  
 2 *chapter 15 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by*  
 3 *striking the item relating to section 569a.*

4       (c) *ANALYSIS FOR CHAPTER 17.*—*The analysis for*  
 5 *chapter 17 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by*  
 6 *striking the items relating to sections 661, 662, 662a, and*  
 7 *663.*

8       (d) *ANALYSIS FOR CHAPTER 27.*—*The analysis for*  
 9 *chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, as added by sec-*  
 10 *tion 101(a) of this Act, is amended by inserting—*

11               (1) *before the item relating to section 2702 the*  
 12 *following:*

*“2701. Requirement for prior authorization of appropriations.”;*

13               *and*

14               (2) *before the item relating to section 2704 the*  
 15 *following:*

*“2703. Authorization of personnel end strengths.”.*

16       (e) *ANALYSIS FOR CHAPTER 29.*—*The analysis for*  
 17 *chapter 29 of title 14, United States Code, as added by sec-*  
 18 *tion 101(a) of this Act, is amended by inserting before the*  
 19 *item relating to section 2904 the following:*

*“2901. Transmission of annual Coast Guard authorization request.*

*“2902. Capital investment plan.*

*“2903. Major acquisitions.”.*

20       (f) *MISSION NEED STATEMENT.*—*Section 569(b) of*  
 21 *title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

1           (1) in paragraph (2) by striking “in section  
2       569a(e)” and inserting “in section 2903”; and

3           (2) in paragraph (3) by striking “under section  
4       663(a)(1)” and inserting “under section 2902(a)(1)”.

## 5           **TITLE II—COAST GUARD**

### 6       **SEC. 201. VICE COMMANDANT.**

7           (a) *GRADES AND RATINGS.*—Section 41 of title 14,  
8       United States Code, is amended by striking “an admiral,”  
9       and inserting “admirals (two);”.

10          (b) *VICE COMMANDANT; APPOINTMENT.*—Section 47 of  
11       title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “vice  
12       admiral” and inserting “admiral”.

13          (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 51 of title 14,  
14       United States Code, is amended—

15               (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “admiral or”  
16       before “vice admiral,”;

17               (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “admiral or”  
18       before “vice admiral,” each place it appears; and

19               (3) in subsection (c) by inserting “admiral or”  
20       before “vice admiral,”.

### 21       **SEC. 202. VICE ADMIRALS.**

22       Section 50 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-  
23       ed—

24               (1) in subsection (a)—

1                   (A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting  
2                   the following:

3                   “(1) The President may—

4                   “(A) designate, within the Coast Guard, no more  
5                   than five positions of importance and responsibility  
6                   that shall be held by officers who, while so serving—

7                   “(i) shall have the grade of vice admiral,  
8                   with the pay and allowances of that grade; and

9                   “(ii) shall perform such duties as the Com-  
10                  mandant may prescribe, except that if the Presi-  
11                  dent designates five such positions, one position  
12                  shall be the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard;  
13                  and

14               “(B) designate, within the executive branch,  
15               other than within the Coast Guard or the National  
16               Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, positions  
17               of importance and responsibility that shall be held by  
18               officers who, while so serving, shall have the grade of  
19               vice admiral, with the pay and allowances of that  
20               grade.”; and

21               (B) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking “under  
22               paragraph (1)” and inserting “under paragraph  
23               (1)(A)”; and

24               (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

1           (A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and”  
 2           at the end;  
 3           (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
 4           subparagraph (D); and  
 5           (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the  
 6           following:  
 7           “(C) at the discretion of the Secretary, while  
 8           awaiting orders after being relieved from the position,  
 9           beginning on the day the officer is relieved from the  
 10          position, but not for more than 60 days; and”.

11 **SEC. 203. COAST GUARD REMISSION OF INDEBTEDNESS.**

12          (a) *EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO REMIT INDEBTED-*  
 13 *NESS.*—Section 461 of title 14, United States Code, is  
 14 amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 461. Remission of indebtedness**

16          “The Secretary may have remitted or cancelled any  
 17 part of a person’s indebtedness to the United States or any  
 18 instrumentality of the United States if—

19           “(1) the indebtedness was incurred while the per-  
 20 son served on active duty as a member of the Coast  
 21 Guard; and

22           “(2) the Secretary determines that remitting or  
 23 cancelling the indebtedness is in the best interest of  
 24 the United States.”.



1       (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for chapter*  
 2 *13 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking*  
 3 *the item relating to section 461 and inserting the following:*

*“461. Remission of indebtedness.”.*

4 **SEC. 204. ACQUISITION REFORM.**

5       (a) *MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.*—*Section*  
 6 *572(d)(3) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

7               (1) *by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through*  
 8 *(H) as subparagraphs (E) through (J), respectively;*

9               (2) *by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-*  
 10 *paragraph (C);*

11              (3) *by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-*  
 12 *lowing:*

13                       *“(B) the performance data to be used to de-*  
 14 *termine whether the key performance parameters*  
 15 *have been resolved;”;* and

16              (4) *by inserting after subparagraph (C), as re-*  
 17 *designated by paragraph (2) of this subsection, the*  
 18 *following:*

19                       *“(D) the results during test and evaluation*  
 20 *that will be required to demonstrate that a capa-*  
 21 *bility, asset, or subsystem meets performance re-*  
 22 *quirements;”.*

23       (b) *CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN.*—*Section 2902 of title*  
 24 *14, United States Code, as redesignated and otherwise*  
 25 *amended by this Act, is further amended—*

1           (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

2                   (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “com-  
3                   pletion;” and inserting “completion based on the  
4                   proposed appropriations included in the budg-  
5                   et;”; and

6                   (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “at  
7                   the projected funding levels;” and inserting  
8                   “based on the proposed appropriations included  
9                   in the budget;”; and

10           (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection  
11           (c), and inserting after subsection (a) the following:

12           “(b) *NEW CAPITAL ASSETS*.—In the fiscal year fol-  
13           lowing each fiscal year for which appropriations are en-  
14           acted for a new capital asset, the report submitted under  
15           subsection (a) shall include—

16                   “(1) an estimated life-cycle cost estimate for the  
17                   new capital asset;

18                   “(2) an assessment of the impact the new capital  
19                   asset will have on—

20                           “(A) delivery dates for each capital asset;

21                           “(B) estimated completion dates for each  
22                   capital asset;

23                           “(C) the total estimated cost to complete  
24                   each capital asset; and

1           “(D) other planned construction or im-  
2           provement projects; and

3           “(3) recommended funding levels for each capital  
4           asset necessary to meet the estimated completion dates  
5           and total estimated costs included in the such asset’s  
6           approved acquisition program baseline.”; and

7           (3) by amending subsection (c), as so redesign-  
8           ated, to read as follows:

9           “(c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

10           “(1) the term ‘unfunded priority’ means a pro-  
11           gram or mission requirement that—

12           “(A) has not been selected for funding in the  
13           applicable proposed budget;

14           “(B) is necessary to fulfill a requirement as-  
15           sociated with an operational need; and

16           “(C) the Commandant would have rec-  
17           ommended for inclusion in the applicable pro-  
18           posed budget had additional resources been avail-  
19           able or had the requirement emerged before the  
20           budget was submitted; and

21           “(2) the term ‘new capital asset’ means—

22           “(A) an acquisition program that does not  
23           have an approved acquisition program baseline;  
24           or

1                   “(B) the acquisition of a capital asset in ex-  
 2                   cess of the number included in the approved ac-  
 3                   quisition program baseline.”.

4           (c) *DAYS AWAY FROM HOMEPORT*.—Not later than 1  
 5 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
 6 mandant of the Coast Guard shall—

7                   (1) implement a standard for tracking oper-  
 8                   ational days at sea for Coast Guard cutters that does  
 9                   not include days during which such cutters are un-  
 10                  dergoing maintenance or repair; and

11                  (2) notify the Committee on Transportation and  
 12                  Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the  
 13                  Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
 14                  tation of the Senate of the standard implemented  
 15                  under paragraph (1).

16           (d) *FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEET MIX ANALYSIS*.—  
 17 Not later than September 30, 2016, the Commandant of the  
 18 Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
 19 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
 20 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
 21 tation of the Senate a revised fleet mix analysis of Coast  
 22 Guard fixed wing aircraft.

23           (e) *LONG-TERM MAJOR ACQUISITIONS PLAN*.—Section  
 24 2903 of title 14, United States Code, as redesignated and  
 25 otherwise amended by this Act, is further amended—

1           (1) *by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
2           *(g); and*

3           (2) *by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*  
4           *lowing:*

5           “(e) *LONG-TERM MAJOR ACQUISITIONS PLAN.—Each*  
6           *report under subsection (a) shall include a plan that de-*  
7           *scribes for the upcoming fiscal year, and for each of the*  
8           *20 fiscal years thereafter—*

9                 “(1) *the numbers and types of cutters and air-*  
10            *craft to be decommissioned;*

11                “(2) *the numbers and types of cutters and air-*  
12            *craft to be acquired to—*

13                   “(A) *replace the cutters and aircraft identi-*  
14            *fied under paragraph (1); or*

15                   “(B) *address an identified capability gap;*  
16            *and*

17                 “(3) *the estimated level of funding in each fiscal*  
18            *year required to—*

19                   “(A) *acquire the cutters and aircraft identi-*  
20            *fied under paragraph (2);*

21                   “(B) *acquire related command, control,*  
22            *communications, computer, intelligence, surveil-*  
23            *lance, and reconnaissance systems; and*

24                   “(C) *acquire, construct, or renovate shore-*  
25            *side infrastructure.*

1       “(f) *QUARTERLY UPDATES ON RISKS OF PROGRAMS.*—

2               “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 15 days after  
3       the end of each fiscal year quarter, the Commandant  
4       of the Coast Guard shall submit to the committees of  
5       Congress specified in subsection (a) an update setting  
6       forth a current assessment of the risks associated with  
7       all current major acquisition programs.

8               “(2) *ELEMENTS.*—Each update under this sub-  
9       section shall set forth, for each current major acqui-  
10      sition program, the following:

11              “(A) *The top five current risks to such pro-*  
12      gram.

13              “(B) *Any failure of such program to dem-*  
14      onstrate a key performance parameter or thresh-  
15      old during operational test and evaluation con-  
16      ducted during the fiscal year quarter preceding  
17      such update.

18              “(C) *Whether there has been any decision*  
19      *during such fiscal year quarter to order full-rate*  
20      *production before all key performance param-*  
21      *eters or thresholds are met.*

22              “(D) *Whether there has been any breach of*  
23      *major acquisition program cost (as defined by*  
24      *the Major Systems Acquisition Manual) during*  
25      *such fiscal year quarter.*

1                   “(E) Whether there has been any breach of  
2                   major acquisition program schedule (as so de-  
3                   fined) during such fiscal year quarter.”.

4 **SEC. 205. AUXILIARY JURISDICTION.**

5           (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 822 of title 14, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7                   (1) by striking “The purpose” and inserting the  
8 following:

9                   “(a) *IN GENERAL*.—The purpose”; and

10                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

11           “(b) *LIMITATION*.—The Auxiliary may conduct a pa-  
12 trol of a waterway, or a portion thereof, only if—

13                   “(1) the Commandant has determined such wa-  
14 terway, or portion thereof, is navigable for purposes  
15 of the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard; or

16                   “(2) a State or other proper authority has re-  
17 quested such patrol pursuant to section 141 of this  
18 title or section 13109 of title 46.”.

19           (b) *NOTIFICATION*.—The Commandant of the Coast  
20 Guard shall—

21                   (1) review the waterways patrolled by the Coast  
22 Guard Auxiliary in the most recently completed fiscal  
23 year to determine whether such waterways are eligible  
24 or ineligible for patrol under section 822(b) of title

1       14, *United States Code* (as added by subsection (a));  
2       *and*

3               (2) *not later than 180 days after the date of the*  
4       *enactment of this Act, provide to the Committee on*  
5       *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*  
6       *Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
7       *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a written*  
8       *notification of—*

9               (A) *any waterways determined ineligible for*  
10       *patrol under paragraph (1); and*

11              (B) *the actions taken by the Commandant*  
12       *to ensure Auxiliary patrols do not occur on such*  
13       *waterways.*

14   **SEC. 206. COAST GUARD COMMUNITIES.**

15       *Section 409 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of*  
16       *1998 (14 U.S.C. 639 note) is amended in the second sen-*  
17       *tence by striking “90 days” and inserting “30 days”.*

18   **SEC. 207. POLAR ICEBREAKERS.**

19       (a) *INCREMENTAL FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR POLAR*  
20       *ICEBREAKERS.—In fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year*  
21       *thereafter, the Commandant of the Coast Guard may enter*  
22       *into a contract or contracts for the acquisition of polar ice-*  
23       *breakers and associated equipment using incremental fund-*  
24       *ing.*



1       (b) “POLAR SEA” MATERIEL CONDITION ASSESSMENT  
 2 AND SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION.—Section 222 of the Coast  
 3 Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (Public  
 4 Law 112–213; 126 Stat. 1560) is amended—

5           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
 6 lows:

7       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
 8 date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act  
 9 of 2015, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast  
 10 Guard is operating shall—

11           “(1) complete a materiel condition assessment  
 12 with respect to the Polar Sea;

13           “(2) make a determination of whether it is cost  
 14 effective to reactivate the Polar Sea compared with  
 15 other options to provide icebreaking services as part  
 16 of a strategy to maintain polar icebreaking services;  
 17 and

18           “(3) submit to the Committee on Transportation  
 19 and Infrastructure and the Committee on Science,  
 20 Space, and Technology of the House of Representa-  
 21 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
 22 Transportation of the Senate—

23           “(A) the assessment required under para-  
 24 graph (1); and

- 1           “(B) written notification of the determina-
- 2           tion required under paragraph (2).”;
- 3           (2) in subsection (b) by striking “analysis” and
- 4           inserting “written notification”;
- 5           (3) by striking subsection (c);
- 6           (4) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h)
- 7           as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;
- 8           (5) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by para-
- 9           graph (4) of this section)—
- 10           (A) in paragraph (1)—
- 11               (i) in subparagraph (A) by striking
- 12               “based on the analysis required”; and
- 13               (ii) in subparagraph (C) by striking
- 14               “analysis” and inserting “written notifica-
- 15               tion”;
- 16           (B) in paragraph (2)—
- 17               (i) by striking “analysis” each place it
- 18               appears and inserting “written notifica-
- 19               tion”;
- 20               (ii) by striking “subsection (a)” and
- 21               inserting “subsection (a)(3)(B)”;
- 22               (iii) by striking “subsection (c)” each
- 23               place it appears and inserting “that sub-
- 24               section”; and

- 1                   (iv) by striking “under subsection  
2                   (a)(5)”; and  
3                   (C) in paragraph (3)—  
4                   (i) by striking “in the analysis sub-  
5                   mitted under this section”;  
6                   (ii) by striking “(a)(5)” and inserting  
7                   “(a)”;  
8                   (iii) by striking “then” and all that  
9                   follows through “(A)” and inserting “then”;  
10                  (iv) by striking “; or” and inserting a  
11                  period; and  
12                  (v) by striking subparagraph (B); and  
13                  (6) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-  
14                  graph (4) of this subsection) by striking “in sub-  
15                  section (d)” and inserting “in subsection (c)”.

16 **SEC. 208. AIR FACILITY CLOSURES.**

17           (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United  
18 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 676 the  
19 following:

20 **“§ 676a. Air facility closures**

21           “(a) *PROHIBITION*.—

22                   “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—The Coast Guard may not—  
23                   “(A) close a Coast Guard air facility that  
24                   was in operation on November 30, 2014; or

1           “(B) retire, transfer, relocate, or deploy an  
2           aviation asset from an air facility described in  
3           subparagraph (A) for the purpose of closing such  
4           facility.

5           “(2) SUNSET.—Paragraph (1) shall have no  
6           force or effect beginning on the later of—

7           “(A) January 1, 2018; or

8           “(B) the date on which the Secretary sub-  
9           mits to the Committee on Transportation and  
10          Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,  
11          and to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
12          and Transportation of the Senate, rotary wing  
13          strategic plans prepared in accordance with sec-  
14          tion 208(b) of the Coast Guard Authorization  
15          Act of 2015.

16          “(b) CLOSURES.—

17               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1,  
18               2018, the Secretary may not close a Coast Guard air  
19               facility, except as specified by this section.

20               “(2) DETERMINATIONS.—The Secretary may not  
21               propose closing or terminating operations at a Coast  
22               Guard air facility unless the Secretary determines  
23               that—

1           “(A) remaining search and rescue capabili-  
2           ties maintain the safety of the maritime public  
3           in the area of the air facility;

4           “(B) regional or local prevailing weather  
5           and marine conditions, including water tem-  
6           peratures or unusual tide and current condi-  
7           tions, do not require continued operation of the  
8           air facility; and

9           “(C) Coast Guard search and rescue stand-  
10          ards related to search and response times are  
11          met.

12          “(3) *PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.*—Prior to  
13          closing an air facility, the Secretary shall provide op-  
14          portunities for public comment, including the con-  
15          vening of public meetings in communities in the area  
16          of responsibility of the air facility with regard to the  
17          proposed closure or cessation of operations at the air  
18          facility.

19          “(4) *NOTICE TO CONGRESS.*—Prior to closure,  
20          cessation of operations, or any significant reduction  
21          in personnel and use of a Coast Guard air facility  
22          that is in operation on or after December 31, 2015,  
23          the Secretary shall—

24                 “(A) submit to the Congress a proposal for  
25                 such closure, cessation, or reduction in oper-

1        *ations along with the budget of the President*  
2        *submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of*  
3        *title 31 for the fiscal year in which the action*  
4        *will be carried out; and*

5                *“(B) not later than 7 days after the date a*  
6        *proposal for an air facility is submitted pursu-*  
7        *ant to subparagraph (A), provide written notice*  
8        *of such proposal to each of the following:*

9                *“(i) Each member of the House of Rep-*  
10        *resentatives who represents a district in*  
11        *which the air facility is located.*

12                *“(ii) Each member of the Senate who*  
13        *represents a State in which the air facility*  
14        *is located.*

15                *“(iii) Each member of the House of*  
16        *Representatives who represents a district in*  
17        *which assets of the air facility conduct*  
18        *search and rescue operations.*

19                *“(iv) Each member of the Senate who*  
20        *represents a State in which assets of the air*  
21        *facility conduct search and rescue oper-*  
22        *ations.*

23                *“(v) The Committee on Appropriations*  
24        *of the House of Representatives.*

1                   “(vi) *The Committee on Transpor-*  
 2                   *tation and Infrastructure of the House of*  
 3                   *Representatives.*

4                   “(vii) *The Committee on Appropria-*  
 5                   *tions of the Senate.*

6                   “(viii) *The Committee on Commerce,*  
 7                   *Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

8           “(c) *OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary may*  
 9           *implement any reasonable management efficiencies within*  
 10           *the air station and air facility network, such as modifying*  
 11           *the operational posture of units or reallocating resources as*  
 12           *necessary to ensure the safety of the maritime public na-*  
 13           *tionwide.”.*

14           (b) *ROTARY WING STRATEGIC PLANS.—*

15                   (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the depart-*  
 16                   *ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall*  
 17                   *prepare the plans specified in paragraph (2) to ade-*  
 18                   *quately address contingencies arising from potential*  
 19                   *future aviation casualties or the planned or un-*  
 20                   *planned retirement of rotary wing airframes to avoid*  
 21                   *to the greatest extent practicable any substantial gap*  
 22                   *or diminishment in Coast Guard operational capa-*  
 23                   *bilities.*

24                   (2) *ROTARY WING STRATEGIC PLANS.—*

(A) *ROTARY WING CONTINGENCY PLAN.*—

*Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall develop and submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a contingency plan—*

*(i) to address the planned or unplanned losses of rotary wing airframes;*

*(ii) to reallocate resources as necessary to ensure the safety of the maritime public nationwide; and*

*(iii) to ensure the operational posture of Coast Guard units.*

(B) *ROTARY WING REPLACEMENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN.*—

*(i) IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall develop and submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*



merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a capital investment plan for the acquisition of new rotary wing airframes to replace the Coast Guard's legacy helicopters and fulfil all existing mission requirements.

(ii) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The plan developed under this subparagraph shall provide—

(I) a total estimated cost for completion;

(II) a timetable for completion of the acquisition project and phased in transition to new airframes; and

(III) projected annual funding levels for each fiscal year.

(c) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

(1) *ANALYSIS FOR CHAPTER 17.*—The analysis for chapter 17 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 676 the following:

“676a. Air facility closures.”.

(2) *REPEAL OF PROHIBITION.*—Section 225 of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–281; 128 Stat. 3022) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (b); and

4       *Title 14, United States Code, as amended by this Act,*  
5   *is further amended—*

***“19. Environmental Compliance and Restoration Program ..... 690”;***

(3) in section 47, in the section heading by striking “**commandant**” and inserting “**Commandant**”;

16                   “(2) *LIMITATION.*—*The Commandant may lease*  
17                   *submerged lands and tidelands under paragraph (1)*  
18                   *only if—*

20                   “(B) the lease amount is equal to the fair  
21                   market value of the use of the leased submerged  
22                   lands or tidelands for the period during which  
23                   such lands are leased, as determined by the Com-  
24                   mandant;

1           “(C) the lease does not provide authority to  
 2           or commit the Coast Guard to use or support  
 3           any improvements to such submerged lands and  
 4           tidelands, or obtain goods and services from the  
 5           lessee; and

6           “(D) proceeds from the lease are deposited  
 7           in the Coast Guard Housing Fund established  
 8           under section 687.”;

9           (5) in the analysis for chapter 9, by striking the  
 10          item relating to section 199 and inserting the fol-  
 11          lowing:

“199. Marine safety curriculum.”;

12          (6) in section 427(b)(2), by striking “this chap-  
 13          ter” and inserting “chapter 61 of title 10”;

14          (7) in the analysis for chapter 15 before the item  
 15          relating to section 571, by striking the following:

“Sec.”;

16          (8) in section 581(5)(B), by striking  
 17          “\$300,000,000,” and inserting “\$300,000,000.”;

18          (9) in section 637(c)(3), in the matter preceding  
 19          subparagraph (A) by inserting “it is” before “any”;

20          (10) in section 641(d)(3), by striking “Guard,  
 21          installation” and inserting “Guard installation”;

22          (11) in section 691(c)(3), by striking “state” and  
 23          inserting “State”;

24          (12) in the analysis for chapter 21—

1                   (A) by striking the item relating to section  
2                   709 and inserting the following:

“709. Reserve student aviation pilots; Reserve aviation pilots; appointments in  
commissioned grade.”;

3                   and

4                   (B) by striking the item relating to section  
5                   740 and inserting the following:

“740. Failure of selection and removal from an active status.”;

6                   (13) in section 742(c), by striking “subsection”  
7                   and inserting “subsections”;

8                   (14) in section 821(b)(1), by striking “Chapter  
9                   26” and inserting “Chapter 171”; and

10                  (15) in section 823a(b)(1), by striking “Chapter  
11                  26” and inserting “Chapter 171”.

12 **SEC. 210. DISCONTINUANCE OF AN AID TO NAVIGATION.**

13           (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than 180 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the de-  
15 partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall estab-  
16 lish a process for the discontinuance of an aid to navigation  
17 (other than a seasonal or temporary aid) established, main-  
18 tained, or operated by the Coast Guard.

19           (b) *REQUIREMENT*.—The process established under  
20 subsection (a) shall include procedures to notify the public  
21 of any discontinuance of an aid to navigation described in  
22 that subsection.

1       (c) *CONSULTATION.*—*In establishing a process under*  
 2 *subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with and consider*  
 3 *any recommendations of the Navigation Safety Advisory*  
 4 *Council.*

5       (d) *NOTIFICATION.*—*Not later than 30 days after es-*  
 6 *tablishing a process under subsection (a), the Secretary*  
 7 *shall notify the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
 8 *structure of the House of Representatives and the Committee*  
 9 *on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate*  
 10 *of the process established.*

11 **SEC. 211. MISSION PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

12       *Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment*  
 13 *of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States*  
 14 *shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-*  
 15 *frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of*  
 16 *the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*  
 17 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate an assess-*  
 18 *ment of the efficacy of the Coast Guard's Standard Oper-*  
 19 *ational Planning Process with respect to annual mission*  
 20 *performance measures.*

21 **SEC. 212. COMMUNICATIONS.**

22       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
 23 *rity determines that there are at least two communications*  
 24 *systems described under paragraph (1)(B) and certified*  
 25 *under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall establish and*

1 *carry out a pilot program across not less than three compo-*  
 2 *nents of the Department of Homeland Security to assess the*  
 3 *effectiveness of a communications system that—*

4 *(1) provides for—*

5 *(A) multiagency collaboration and inter-*  
 6 *operability; and*

7 *(B) wide-area, secure, and peer-invitation-*  
 8 *and-acceptance-based multimedia communica-*  
 9 *tions;*

10 *(2) is certified by the Department of Defense*  
 11 *Joint Interoperability Test Center; and*

12 *(3) is composed of commercially available, off-*  
 13 *the-shelf technology.*

14 *(b) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 6 months after the*  
 15 *date on which the pilot program is completed, the Secretary*  
 16 *shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-*  
 17 *frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of*  
 18 *the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*  
 19 *merce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee*  
 20 *Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate*  
 21 *an assessment of the pilot program, including the impacts*  
 22 *of the program with respect to interagency and Coast Guard*  
 23 *response capabilities.*

24 *(c) STRATEGY.—The pilot program shall be consistent*  
 25 *with the strategy required by the Department of Homeland*

1 *Security Interoperable Communications Act (Public Law*  
 2 *114–29).*

3 (d) *TIMING.*—*The pilot program shall commence with-*  
 4 *in 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act or*  
 5 *within 60 days after the completion of the strategy required*  
 6 *by the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable*  
 7 *Communications Act (Public Law 114–29), whichever is*  
 8 *later.*

9 **SEC. 213. COAST GUARD GRADUATE MARITIME OPER-**  
 10 **ATIONS EDUCATION.**

11 *Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment*  
 12 *of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the*  
 13 *Coast Guard is operating shall establish an education pro-*  
 14 *gram, for members and employees of the Coast Guard,*  
 15 *that—*

16 (1) *offers a master’s degree in maritime oper-*  
 17 *ations;*

18 (2) *is relevant to the professional development of*  
 19 *such members and employees;*

20 (3) *provides resident and distant education op-*  
 21 *tions, including the ability to utilize both options;*  
 22 *and*

23 (4) *to the greatest extent practicable, is con-*  
 24 *ducted using existing academic programs at an ac-*  
 25 *credited public academic institution that—*

1           (A) is located near a significant number of  
 2           Coast Guard, maritime, and other Department  
 3           of Homeland Security law enforcement per-  
 4           sonnel; and

5           (B) has an ability to simulate operations  
 6           normally conducted at a command center.

7 **SEC. 214. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

8           (a) *MULTIRATER ASSESSMENT.*—

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 11 of title 14, United  
 10          States Code, is amended by inserting after section 428  
 11          the following:

12 **“§ 429. Multirater assessment of certain personnel**

13          “(a) *MULTIRATER ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN PER-*  
 14          *SONNEL.*—

15               “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Commencing not later than  
 16          one year after the date of the enactment of the Coast  
 17          Guard Authorization Act of 2015, the Commandant of  
 18          the Coast Guard shall develop and implement a plan  
 19          to conduct every two years a multirater assessment  
 20          for each of the following:

21               “(A) Each flag officer of the Coast Guard.

22               “(B) Each member of the Senior Executive  
 23          Service of the Coast Guard.

24               “(C) Each officer of the Coast Guard nomi-  
 25          nated for promotion to the grade of flag officer.



1           “(2) *POST-ASSESSMENT ELEMENTS.*—*Following*  
 2           *an assessment of an individual pursuant to para-*  
 3           *graph (1), the individual shall be provided appro-*  
 4           *priate post-assessment counseling and leadership*  
 5           *coaching.*

6           “(b) *MULTIRATER ASSESSMENT DEFINED.*—*In this*  
 7           *section, the term ‘multirater assessment’ means a review*  
 8           *that seeks opinion from members senior to the reviewee and*  
 9           *the peers and subordinates of the reviewee.’”.*

10           (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis at the*  
 11           *beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting*  
 12           *after the item related to section 428 the following:*

“429. *Multirater assessment of certain personnel.*”.

13           (b) *TRAINING COURSE ON WORKINGS OF CONGRESS.*—

14           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 3 of title 14, United*  
 15           *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
 16           *lowing:*

17           **“§ 60. Training course on workings of Congress**

18           “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
 19           *date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act*  
 20           *of 2015, the Commandant, in consultation with the Super-*  
 21           *intendent of the Coast Guard Academy and such other indi-*  
 22           *viduals and organizations as the Commandant considers*  
 23           *appropriate, shall develop a training course on the work-*  
 24           *ings of the Congress and offer that training course at least*  
 25           *once each year.*

1       “(b) *COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.*—*The training course*  
2 *required by this section shall provide an overview and in-*  
3 *troduction to the Congress and the Federal legislative proc-*  
4 *ess, including—*

5               “(1) *the history and structure of the Congress*  
6 *and the committee systems of the House of Represent-*  
7 *atives and the Senate, including the functions and re-*  
8 *sponsibilities of the Committee on Transportation and*  
9 *Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the*  
10 *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*  
11 *tation of the Senate;*

12               “(2) *the documents produced by the Congress, in-*  
13 *cluding bills, resolutions, committee reports, and con-*  
14 *ference reports, and the purposes and functions of*  
15 *those documents;*

16               “(3) *the legislative processes and rules of the*  
17 *House of Representatives and the Senate, including*  
18 *similarities and differences between the two processes*  
19 *and rules, including—*

20                       “(A) *the congressional budget process;*

21                       “(B) *the congressional authorization and*  
22 *appropriation processes;*

23                       “(C) *the Senate advice and consent process*  
24 *for Presidential nominees;*

1           “(D) the Senate advice and consent process  
2           for treaty ratification;

3           “(4) the roles of Members of Congress and con-  
4           gressional staff in the legislative process; and

5           “(5) the concept and underlying purposes of con-  
6           gressional oversight within our governance framework  
7           of separation of powers.

8           “(c) *LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.*—

9           “(1) *OUTSIDE EXPERTS.*—The Commandant  
10          shall ensure that not less than 60 percent of the lec-  
11          turers, panelists, and other individuals providing  
12          education and instruction as part of the training  
13          course required by this section are experts on the Con-  
14          gress and the Federal legislative process who are not  
15          employed by the executive branch of the Federal Gov-  
16          ernment.

17          “(2) *AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO SERV-*  
18          *ICES.*—In satisfying the requirement under para-  
19          graph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and may ac-  
20          cept, educational and instructional services of lec-  
21          turers, panelists, and other individuals and organiza-  
22          tions provided to the Coast Guard on a pro bono  
23          basis.

24          “(d) *COMPLETION OF REQUIRED TRAINING.*—

1           “(1) *CURRENT FLAG OFFICERS AND EMPLOY-*  
 2           *EES.—A Coast Guard flag officer appointed or as-*  
 3           *signed to a billet in the National Capital Region on*  
 4           *the date of the enactment of this section, and a Coast*  
 5           *Guard Senior Executive Service employee employed*  
 6           *in the National Capital Region on the date of the en-*  
 7           *actment of this section, shall complete a training*  
 8           *course that meets the requirements of this section*  
 9           *within 60 days after the date on which the Com-*  
 10          *mandant completes the development of the training*  
 11          *course.*

12          “(2) *NEW FLAG OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—A*  
 13          *Coast Guard flag officer who is newly appointed or*  
 14          *assigned to a billet in the National Capital Region,*  
 15          *and a Coast Guard Senior Executive Service em-*  
 16          *ployee who is newly employed in the National Cap-*  
 17          *ital Region, shall complete a training course that*  
 18          *meets the requirements of this section not later than*  
 19          *60 days after reporting for duty.”.*

20          “(2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the*  
 21          *beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at*  
 22          *the end the following:*

“60. *Training course on workings of Congress.”.*

23          “(c) *REPORT ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.—*

24                 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 25                 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-*

1        *mandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Com-*  
2        *mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of*  
3        *the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and*  
4        *Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a re-*  
5        *port on Coast Guard leadership development.*

6            (2) *CONTENTS.—The report shall include the fol-*  
7        *lowing:*

8            (A) *An assessment of the feasibility of—*

9            (i) *all officers (other than officers cov-*  
10        *ered by section 429(a) of title 14, United*  
11        *States Code, as amended by this section)*  
12        *completing a multirater assessment;*

13        (ii) *all members (other than officers*  
14        *covered by such section) in command posi-*  
15        *tions completing a multirater assessment;*

16        (iii) *all enlisted members in a super-*  
17        *visory position completing a multirater as-*  
18        *essment; and*

19        (iv) *members completing periodic*  
20        *multirater assessments.*

21        (B) *Such recommendations as the Com-*  
22        *mandant considers appropriate for the imple-*  
23        *mentation or expansion of a multirater assess-*  
24        *ment in the personnel development programs of*  
25        *the Coast Guard.*

1           (C) *An overview of each of the current lead-*  
2           *ership development courses of the Coast Guard,*  
3           *an assessment of the feasibility of the expansion*  
4           *of any such course, and a description of the re-*  
5           *sources, if any, required to expand such courses.*

6           (D) *An assessment on the state of leadership*  
7           *training in the Coast Guard, and recommenda-*  
8           *tions on the implementation of a policy to pre-*  
9           *vent leadership that has adverse effects on subor-*  
10          *ordinates, the organization, or mission perform-*  
11          *ance, including—*

12               (i) *a description of methods that will*  
13               *be used by the Coast Guard to identify,*  
14               *monitor, and counsel individuals whose*  
15               *leadership may have adverse effects on sub-*  
16               *ordinates, the organization, or mission per-*  
17               *formance;*

18               (ii) *the implementation of leadership*  
19               *recognition training to recognize such lead-*  
20               *ership in one's self and others;*

21               (iii) *the establishment of procedures for*  
22               *the administrative separation of leaders*  
23               *whose leadership may have adverse effects*  
24               *on subordinates, the organization, or mis-*  
25               *sion performance; and*

1                   (iv) a description of the resources need-  
2                   ed to implement this subsection.

3 **SEC. 215. SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBER CONTINUATION**  
4 **BOARDS.**

5       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 357 of title 14, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7           (1) by striking subsections (a) through (h) and  
8 subsection (j); and

9           (2) in subsection (i), by striking “(i)”.

10       (b) *CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.*—

11           (1) *HEADING AMENDMENT.*—The heading of such  
12 section is amended to read as follows:

13 **“§357. Retirement of enlisted members: increase in re-**  
14 **tired pay”**

15           (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The analysis at the  
16 beginning of chapter 11 of such title is amended by  
17 striking the item relating to such section and insert-  
18 ing the following:

“357. Retirement of enlisted members: increase in retired pay.”.

19 **SEC. 216. COAST GUARD MEMBER PAY.**

20       (a) *ANNUAL AUDIT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF*  
21 *MEMBERS UNDERGOING PERMANENT CHANGE OF STA-*  
22 *TION.*—

23           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 13 of title 14, United  
24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing:

1 **“§519. Annual audit of pay and allowances of mem-**  
 2 **bers undergoing permanent change of sta-**  
 3 **tion**

4 *“The Commandant shall conduct each calendar year*  
 5 *an audit of member pay and allowances for the members*  
 6 *who transferred to new units during such calendar year.*  
 7 *The audit for a calendar year shall be completed by the*  
 8 *end of the calendar year.”.*

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—*The analysis at the*  
 10 *beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at*  
 11 *the end the following:*

*“519. Annual audit of pay and allowances of members undergoing permanent*  
*change of station.”.*

12 (b) REPORT.—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
 13 *of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast*  
 14 *Guard shall submit to the Committee on Commerce,*  
 15 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-*  
 16 *mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House*  
 17 *of Representatives a report on alternative methods for noti-*  
 18 *fying members of the Coast Guard of their monthly earn-*  
 19 *ings. The report shall include—*

20 (1) *an assessment of the feasibility of providing*  
 21 *members a monthly notification of their earnings,*  
 22 *categorized by pay and allowance type; and*

23 (2) *a description and assessment of mechanisms*  
 24 *that may be used to provide members with notifica-*



1        *tion of their earnings, categorized by pay and allow-*  
 2        *ance type.*

3    **SEC. 217. TRANSFER OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE**  
 4        **MEDICAL CARE.**

5        (a) *TRANSFER REQUIRED.*—*In lieu of the reimburse-*  
 6        *ment required under section 1085 of title 10, United States*  
 7        *Code, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall transfer to*  
 8        *the Secretary of Defense an amount that represents the ac-*  
 9        *tuarial valuation of treatment or care—*

10            (1) *that the Department of Defense shall provide*  
 11        *to members of the Coast Guard, former members of*  
 12        *the Coast Guard, and dependents of such members*  
 13        *and former members (other than former members and*  
 14        *dependents of former members who are a Medicare-eli-*  
 15        *gible beneficiary or for whom the payment for treat-*  
 16        *ment or care is made from the Medicare-Eligible Re-*  
 17        *tiree Health Care Fund) at facilities under the juris-*  
 18        *isdiction of the Department of Defense or a military*  
 19        *department; and*

20            (2) *for which a reimbursement would otherwise*  
 21        *be made under section 1085.*

22        (b) *AMOUNT.*—*The amount transferred under sub-*  
 23        *section (a) shall be—*

24            (1) *in the case of treatment or care to be pro-*  
 25        *vided to members of the Coast Guard and their de-*

1        *pendents, derived from amounts appropriated for the*  
2        *operating expenses of the Coast Guard;*

3            *(2) in the case of treatment or care to be pro-*  
4        *vided former members of the Coast Guard and their*  
5        *dependents, derived from amounts appropriated for*  
6        *retired pay;*

7            *(3) determined under procedures established by*  
8        *the Secretary of Defense;*

9            *(4) transferred during the fiscal year in which*  
10       *treatment or care is provided; and*

11           *(5) subject to adjustment or reconciliation as the*  
12       *Secretaries determine appropriate during or prompt-*  
13       *ly after such fiscal year in cases in which the amount*  
14       *transferred is determined excessive or insufficient*  
15       *based on the services actually provided.*

16       *(c) NO TRANSFER WHEN SERVICE IN NAVY.—No*  
17       *transfer shall be made under this section for any period*  
18       *during which the Coast Guard operates as a service in the*  
19       *Navy.*

20       *(d) RELATIONSHIP TO TRICARE.—This section shall*  
21       *not be construed to require a payment for, or the transfer*  
22       *of an amount that represents the value of, treatment or care*  
23       *provided under any TRICARE program.*

1 **SEC. 218. PARTICIPATION OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY**  
 2 **IN FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER EDU-**  
 3 **CATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS.**

4 *Section 196 of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*  
 5 *ed—*

6 *(1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before the*  
 7 *first sentence; and*

8 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

9 *“(b) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS.—*

10 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the*  
 11 *Coast Guard may—*

12 *“(A) enter into a contract, cooperative*  
 13 *agreement, lease, or licensing agreement with a*  
 14 *qualified organization;*

15 *“(B) allow a qualified organization to use,*  
 16 *at no cost, personal property of the Coast Guard;*  
 17 *and*

18 *“(C) notwithstanding section 93, accept*  
 19 *funds, supplies, and services from a qualified or-*  
 20 *ganization.*

21 *“(2) SOLE-SOURCE BASIS.—Notwithstanding*  
 22 *chapter 65 of title 31 and chapter 137 of title 10, the*  
 23 *Commandant may enter into a contract or coopera-*  
 24 *tive agreement under paragraph (1)(A) on a sole-*  
 25 *source basis.*

1           “(3) *MAINTAINING FAIRNESS, OBJECTIVITY, AND*  
 2           *INTEGRITY.—The Commandant shall ensure that con-*  
 3           *tributions under this subsection do not—*

4                     “(A) *reflect unfavorably on the ability of the*  
 5                     *Coast Guard, any of its employees, or any mem-*  
 6                     *ber of the armed forces to carry out any respon-*  
 7                     *sibility or duty in a fair and objective manner;*  
 8                     *or*

9                     “(B) *compromise the integrity or appear-*  
 10                    *ance of integrity of any program of the Coast*  
 11                    *Guard, or any individual involved in such a*  
 12                    *program.*

13           “(4) *LIMITATION.—For purposes of this sub-*  
 14           *section, employees or personnel of a qualified organi-*  
 15           *zation shall not be employees of the United States.*

16           “(5) *QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In*  
 17           *this subsection the term ‘qualified organization’*  
 18           *means an organization—*

19                     “(A) *described under section 501(c)(3) of the*  
 20                     *Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from*  
 21                     *taxation under section 501(a) of that Code; and*

22                     “(B) *established by the Coast Guard Acad-*  
 23                     *emy Alumni Association solely for the purpose of*  
 24                     *supporting academic research and applying for*  
 25                     *and administering Federal, State, or other edu-*

1            *cational research grants on behalf of the Coast*  
 2            *Guard Academy.”.*

3    **SEC. 219. NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.**

4            *Section 98(b) of title 14, United States Code, is amend-*  
 5    *ed—*

6            *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “any appro-*  
 7            *priated Federal funds for” and insert “any funds ap-*  
 8            *propriated to the Coast Guard on”; and*

9            *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “artifacts.”*  
 10          *and inserting “artifacts, including the design, fab-*  
 11          *rication, and installation of exhibits or displays in*  
 12          *which such artifacts are included.”.*

13    **SEC. 220. INVESTIGATIONS.**

14          *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of title 14, United*  
 15          *States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the*  
 16          *following:*

17    **“§ 430. Investigations of flag officers and Senior Exec-**  
 18                    **utive Service employees**

19          *“In conducting an investigation into an allegation of*  
 20          *misconduct by a flag officer or member of the Senior Exec-*  
 21          *utive Service serving in the Coast Guard, the Inspector Gen-*  
 22          *eral of the Department of Homeland Security shall—*

23            *“(1) conduct the investigation in a manner con-*  
 24            *sistent with Department of Defense policies for such*  
 25            *an investigation; and*

1           “(2) consult with the Inspector General of the  
2       Department of Defense.”.

3       (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis at the be-*  
4 *ginning of such chapter is further amended by inserting*  
5 *after the item related to section 429 the following:*

*“430. Investigations of flag officers and Senior Executive Service employees.”.*

6       **SEC. 221. CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF**  
7                       **THE COAST GUARD FOR COMBAT-RELATED**  
8                       **SPECIAL COMPENSATION.**

9       (a) *CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY.*—

10           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
11 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
12 *the department is which the Coast Guard is operating*  
13 *shall issue procedures and criteria to use in deter-*  
14 *mining whether the disability of a member of the*  
15 *Coast Guard is a combat-related disability for pur-*  
16 *poses of the eligibility of such member for combat-re-*  
17 *lated special compensation under section 1413a of*  
18 *title 10, United States Code. Such procedures and cri-*  
19 *teria shall include the procedures and criteria pre-*  
20 *scribed by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to sub-*  
21 *section (e)(2) of such section. Such procedures and*  
22 *criteria shall apply in determining whether the dis-*  
23 *ability of a member of the Coast Guard is a combat-*  
24 *related disability for purposes of determining the eli-*

1      *gibility of such member for combat-related special*  
 2      *compensation under such section.*

3            (2) *DISABILITY FOR WHICH A DETERMINATION IS*  
 4      *MADE.—For the purposes of this section, and in the*  
 5      *case of a member of the Coast Guard, a disability*  
 6      *under section 1413a(e)(2)(B) of title 10, United*  
 7      *States Code, includes a disability incurred during*  
 8      *aviation duty, diving duty, rescue swimmer or simi-*  
 9      *lar duty, and hazardous service duty onboard a small*  
 10     *vessel (such as duty as a surfman)—*

11            (A) *in the performance of duties for which*  
 12            *special or incentive pay was paid pursuant to*  
 13            *section 301, 301a, 304, 307, 334, or 351 of title*  
 14            *37, United States Code;*

15            (B) *in the performance of duties related to*  
 16            *a statutory mission of the Coast Guard under*  
 17            *paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of section*  
 18            *888(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*  
 19            *U.S.C. 468(a)), including—*

20                    (i) *law enforcement, including drug or*  
 21                    *migrant interdiction;*

22                    (ii) *defense readiness; or*

23                    (iii) *search and rescue; or*

1                   (C) while engaged in a training exercise for  
 2                   the performance of a duty described in subpara-  
 3                   graphs (A) and (B).

4           (b) *APPLICABILITY OF PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA.*—  
 5   The procedures and criteria issued pursuant to subsection  
 6   (a) shall apply to disabilities described in that subsection  
 7   that are incurred on or after the effective date provided in  
 8   section 636(a)(2) of the Bob Stump National Defense Au-  
 9   thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–314;  
 10  116 Stat. 2574; 10 U.S.C. 1413a note).

11           (c) *REAPPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION.*—Any mem-  
 12   ber of the Coast Guard who was denied combat-related spe-  
 13   cial compensation under section 1413a of title 10, United  
 14   States Code, during the period beginning on the effective  
 15   date specified in subsection (b) and ending on the date of  
 16   the issuance of the procedures and criteria required by sub-  
 17   section (a) may reapply for combat-related special com-  
 18   pensation under such section on the basis of such procedures  
 19   and criteria in accordance with such procedures as the Sec-  
 20   retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is oper-  
 21   ating shall specify.

22 **SEC. 222. LEAVE POLICIES FOR THE COAST GUARD.**

23           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 11 of title 14, United  
 24   States Code, is further amended by inserting after section  
 25   430 the following:



1 **“§ 431. Leave policies for the Coast Guard**

2       *“Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Sec-*  
 3 *retary of the Navy promulgates a new rule, policy, or*  
 4 *memorandum pursuant to section 704 of title 10, United*  
 5 *States Code, with respect to leave associated with the birth*  
 6 *or adoption of a child, the Secretary of the department in*  
 7 *which the Coast Guard is operating shall promulgate a*  
 8 *similar rule, policy, or memorandum that provides leave*  
 9 *to officers and enlisted members of the Coast Guard that*  
 10 *is equal in duration and compensation to that provided by*  
 11 *the Secretary of the Navy.”.*

12       *(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the be-*  
 13 *ginning of such chapter is further amended by inserting*  
 14 *after the item related to section 430 the following:*

*“431. Leave policies for the Coast Guard.”.*

15       **TITLE III—SHIPPING AND**  
 16       **NAVIGATION**

17 **SEC. 301. SURVIVAL CRAFT.**

18       *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3104 of title 46, United*  
 19 *States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

20 **“§ 3104. Survival craft**

21       *“(a) REQUIREMENT TO EQUIP.—The Secretary shall*  
 22 *require that a passenger vessel be equipped with survival*  
 23 *craft that ensures that no part of an individual is immersed*  
 24 *in water, if—*

1           “(1) such vessel is built or undergoes a major  
2           conversion after January 1, 2016; and

3           “(2) operates in cold waters as determined by the  
4           Secretary.

5           “(b) *HIGHER STANDARD OF SAFETY.*—The Secretary  
6           may revise part 117 or part 180 of title 46, Code of Federal  
7           Regulations, as in effect before January 1, 2016, if such  
8           revision provides a higher standard of safety than is pro-  
9           vided by the regulations in effect on or before the date of  
10          the enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of  
11          2015.

12          “(c) *INNOVATIVE AND NOVEL DESIGNS.*—The Sec-  
13          retary may, in lieu of the requirements set out in part 117  
14          or part 180 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, as in  
15          effect on the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Au-  
16          thorization Act of 2015, allow a passenger vessel to be  
17          equipped with a life-saving appliance or arrangement of  
18          an innovative or novel design that—

19               “(1) ensures no part of an individual is im-  
20               mersed in water; and

21               “(2) provides an equal or higher standard of  
22               safety than is provided by such requirements as in ef-  
23               fect before such date of the enactment.

24          “(d) *BUILT DEFINED.*—In this section, the term ‘built’  
25          has the meaning that term has under section 4503(e).”.

1       **(b) REVIEW; REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—**

2               **(1) REVIEW.—***Not later than December 31, 2016,*  
 3       *the Secretary of the department in which the Coast*  
 4       *Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on*  
 5       *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*  
 6       *Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
 7       *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a review*  
 8       *of—*

9               **(A)** *the number of casualties for individuals*  
 10       *with disabilities, children, and the elderly as a*  
 11       *result of immersion in water, reported to the*  
 12       *Coast Guard over the preceding 30-year period,*  
 13       *by vessel type and area of operation;*

14              **(B)** *the risks to individuals with disabili-*  
 15       *ties, children, and the elderly as a result of im-*  
 16       *mersion in water, by passenger vessel type and*  
 17       *area of operation;*

18              **(C)** *the effect that carriage of survival craft*  
 19       *that ensure that no part of an individual is im-*  
 20       *mersed in water has on—*

21              **(i)** *passenger vessel safety, including*  
 22       *stability and safe navigation;*

23              **(ii)** *improving the survivability of in-*  
 24       *dividuals, including individuals with dis-*  
 25       *abilities, children, and the elderly; and*

1                   (iii) the costs, the incremental cost dif-  
2                   ference to vessel operators, and the cost effec-  
3                   tiveness of requiring the carriage of such  
4                   survival craft to address the risks to indi-  
5                   viduals with disabilities, children, and the  
6                   elderly;

7                   (D) the efficacy of alternative safety sys-  
8                   tems, devices, or measures in improving surviv-  
9                   ability of individuals with disabilities, children,  
10                  and the elderly; and

11                  (E) the number of small businesses and  
12                  nonprofit vessel operators that would be affected  
13                  by requiring the carriage of such survival craft  
14                  on passenger vessels to address the risks to indi-  
15                  viduals with disabilities, children, and the elder-  
16                  ly.

17                  (2) *SCOPE.*—In conducting the review under  
18                  paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include an exam-  
19                  ination of passenger vessel casualties that have oc-  
20                  curred in the waters of other nations.

21                  (3) *UPDATES.*—The Secretary shall update the  
22                  review required under paragraph (1) every 5 years.

23                  (4) *REVISION.*—Based on the review conducted  
24                  under paragraph (1), including updates thereto, the  
25                  Secretary shall revise regulations concerning the car-

1 *riage of survival craft under section 3104(c) of title*  
2 *46, United States Code.*

3 *(c) GAO STUDY.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after*  
5 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller*  
6 *General of the United States shall complete and sub-*  
7 *mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
8 *structure of the House of Representatives and the*  
9 *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*  
10 *tation of the Senate a report to determine any adverse*  
11 *or positive changes in public safety after the imple-*  
12 *mentation of the amendments and requirements under*  
13 *this section and section 3104 of title 46, United*  
14 *States Code.*

15 *(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In completing the report*  
16 *under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall*  
17 *examine—*

18 *(A) the number of casualties, by vessel type*  
19 *and area of operation, as the result of immersion*  
20 *in water reported to the Coast Guard for each of*  
21 *the 10 most recent fiscal years for which such*  
22 *data are available;*

23 *(B) data for each fiscal year on—*

24 *(i) vessel safety, including stability*  
25 *and safe navigation; and*

1                   (ii) *survivability of individuals, in-*  
 2                   *cluding individuals with disabilities, chil-*  
 3                   *dren, and the elderly;*

4                   (C) *the efficacy of alternative safety sys-*  
 5                   *tems, devices, or measures; and*

6                   (D) *any available data on the costs of the*  
 7                   *amendments and requirements under this section*  
 8                   *and section 3104 of title 46, United States Code.*

9 **SEC. 302. VESSEL REPLACEMENT.**

10           (a) *LOANS AND GUARANTEES.*—Chapter 537 of title  
 11 46, United States Code, is amended—

12                   (1) *in section 53701—*

13                   (A) *by redesignating paragraphs (8)*  
 14                   *through (14) as paragraphs (9) through (15), re-*  
 15                   *spectively; and*

16                   (B) *by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-*  
 17                   *lowing:*

18                   “(8) *HISTORICAL USES.*—The term ‘historical  
 19 *uses*’ includes—

20                   “(A) *refurbishing, repairing, rebuilding, or*  
 21                   *replacing equipment on a fishing vessel, without*  
 22                   *materially increasing harvesting capacity;*

23                   “(B) *purchasing a used fishing vessel;*

24                   “(C) *purchasing, constructing, expanding,*  
 25                   *or reconditioning a fishery facility;*

1                   “(D) refinancing existing debt;

2                   “(E) reducing fishing capacity; and

3                   “(F) making upgrades to a fishing vessel,  
4                   including upgrades in technology, gear, or equip-  
5                   ment, that improve—

6                   “(i) collection and reporting of fishery-  
7                   dependent data;

8                   “(ii) bycatch reduction or avoidance;

9                   “(iii) gear selectivity;

10                  “(iv) adverse impacts caused by fishing  
11                  gear; or

12                  “(v) safety.”; and

13                  (2) in section 53702(b), by adding at the end the  
14                  following:

15                  “(3) *MINIMUM OBLIGATIONS AVAILABLE FOR*  
16                  *HISTORIC USES.*—Of the direct loan obligations issued  
17                  by the Secretary under this chapter, the Secretary  
18                  shall make a minimum of \$59,000,000 available each  
19                  fiscal year for historic uses.

20                  “(4) *USE OF OBLIGATIONS IN LIMITED ACCESS*  
21                  *FISHERIES.*—In addition to the other eligible pur-  
22                  poses and uses of direct loan obligations provided for  
23                  in this chapter, the Secretary may issue direct loan  
24                  obligations for the purpose of—

1           “(A) *financing the construction or recon-*  
 2           *struction of a fishing vessel in a fishery managed*  
 3           *under a limited access system; or*

4           “(B) *financing the purchase of harvesting*  
 5           *rights in a fishery that is federally managed*  
 6           *under a limited access system.”.*

7           ***(b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION TO CERTAIN FISHING***  
 8           ***VESSELS OF PROHIBITION UNDER VESSEL CONSTRUCTION***  
 9           ***PROGRAM.—Section 302(b)(2) of the Fisheries Financing***  
 10          ***Act (title III of Public Law 104–297; 46 U.S.C. 53706 note)***  
 11          ***is amended—***

12           ***(1) in the second sentence—***

13                   ***(A) by striking “or in” and inserting “,***  
 14                   ***in”; and***

15                   ***(B) by inserting before the period the fol-***  
 16                   ***lowing: “, in fisheries that are under the juris-***  
 17                   ***isdiction of the North Pacific Fishery Management***  
 18                   ***Council and managed under a fishery manage-***  
 19                   ***ment plan issued under the Magnuson-Stevens***  
 20                   ***Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16***  
 21                   ***U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), or in the Pacific whiting***  
 22                   ***fishery that is under the jurisdiction of the Pa-***  
 23                   ***cific Fishery Management Council and managed***  
 24                   ***under a fishery management plan issued under***  
 25                   ***that Act”; and***



1           (2) *by adding at the end the following: “Any*  
 2 *fishing vessel operated in fisheries under the jurisdic-*  
 3 *tion of the North Pacific Fishery Management Coun-*  
 4 *cil and managed under a fishery management plan*  
 5 *issued under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conserva-*  
 6 *tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.),*  
 7 *or in the Pacific whiting fishery under the jurisdic-*  
 8 *tion of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and*  
 9 *managed under a fishery management plan issued*  
 10 *under that Act, and that is replaced by a vessel that*  
 11 *is constructed or rebuilt with a loan or loan guar-*  
 12 *antee provided by the Federal Government may not*  
 13 *be used to harvest fish in any fishery under the juris-*  
 14 *diction of any regional fishery management council,*  
 15 *other than a fishery under the jurisdiction of the*  
 16 *North Pacific Fishery Management Council or the*  
 17 *Pacific Fishery Management Council.”.*

18 **SEC. 303. MODEL YEARS FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS.**

19           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4302 of title 46, United  
 20 States Code is amended by adding at the end the following:  
 21           “(e)(1) *Under this section, a model year for rec-*  
 22 *reational vessels and associated equipment shall, except as*  
 23 *provided in paragraph (2)—*  
 24                   “(A) *begin on June 1 of a year and end on July*  
 25           *31 of the following year; and*

1           “(B) be designated by the year in which it ends.

2           “(2) Upon the request of a recreational vessel manufac-  
3 turer to which this chapter applies, the Secretary may alter  
4 a model year for a model of recreational vessel of the manu-  
5 facturer and associated equipment, by no more than 6  
6 months from the model year described in paragraph (1).”.

7           (b) *APPLICATION*.—This section shall only apply with  
8 respect to recreational vessels and associated equipment  
9 constructed or manufactured, respectively, on or after the  
10 date of enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 304. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL EXPIRATION**

12 **HARMONIZATION.**

13           (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Except as provided in subsection  
14 (c) and not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the  
16 Coast Guard is operating shall establish a process to har-  
17 monize the expiration dates of merchant mariner creden-  
18 tials, mariner medical certificates, and radar observer en-  
19 dorsements for individuals applying to the Secretary for a  
20 new merchant mariner credential or for renewal of an exist-  
21 ing merchant mariner credential.

22           (b) *REQUIREMENTS*.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
23 the process established under subsection (a)—

1           (1) *does not require an individual to renew a*  
 2           *merchant mariner credential earlier than the date on*  
 3           *which the individual's current credential expires; and*  
 4           (2) *results in harmonization of expiration dates*  
 5           *for merchant mariner credentials, mariner medical*  
 6           *certificates, and radar observer endorsements for all*  
 7           *individuals by not later than 6 years after the date*  
 8           *of the enactment of this Act.*

9           (c) *EXCEPTION.—The process established under sub-*  
 10          *section (a) does not apply to individuals—*

11           (1) *holding a merchant mariner credential*  
 12          *with—*

13                   (A) *an active Standards of Training, Cer-*  
 14                   *tification, and Watchkeeping endorsement; or*

15                   (B) *Federal first-class pilot endorsement; or*  
 16           (2) *who have been issued a time-restricted med-*  
 17          *ical certificate.*

18          **SEC. 305. SAFETY ZONES FOR PERMITTED MARINE EVENTS.**

19           *Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment*  
 20          *of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the*  
 21          *Coast Guard is operating shall establish and implement a*  
 22          *process to—*

23           (1) *account for the number of safety zones estab-*  
 24          *lished for permitted marine events;*

(2) *differentiate whether the event sponsor who requested a permit for such an event is—*

*(A) an individual;*

*(B) an organization; or*

*(C) a government entity; and*

(3) *account for Coast Guard resources utilized to enforce safety zones established for permitted marine events, including for—*

*(A) the number of Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels used; and*

*(B) the number of Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol hours required.*

**SEC. 306. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

(a) *TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 103, by striking “(33 U.S.C. 151).” and inserting “(33 U.S.C. 151(b)).”;*

*(2) in section 2118—*

*(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “title,” and inserting “subtitle,”; and*

*(B) in subsection (b), by striking “title” and inserting “subtitle”;*

*(3) in the analysis for chapter 35—*

1           (A) by adding a period at the end of the  
2           item relating to section 3507; and

3           (B) by adding a period at the end of the  
4           item relating to section 3508;

5           (4) in section 3715(a)(2), by striking “; and”  
6           and inserting a semicolon;

7           (5) in section 4506, by striking “(a)”;

8           (6) in section 8103(b)(1)(A)(iii), by striking  
9           “Academy.” and inserting “Academy; and”;

10          (7) in section 11113(c)(1)(A)(i), by striking  
11          “under this Act”;

12          (8) in the analysis for chapter 701—

13               (A) by adding a period at the end of the  
14               item relating to section 70107A;

15               (B) in the item relating to section 70112, by  
16               striking “security advisory committees.” and in-  
17               serting “Security Advisory Committees.”; and

18               (C) in the item relating to section 70122, by  
19               striking “watch program.” and inserting “Watch  
20               Program.”;

21          (9) in section 70105(c)—

22               (A) in paragraph (1)(B)(xv)—

23                       (i) by striking “18, popularly” and in-  
24                       serting “18 (popularly”;

1                   (ii) by striking “Act” and inserting  
2                   “Act)”; and

3                   (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(D)  
4                   paragraph” and inserting “(D) of paragraph”;  
5                   (10) in section 70107—

6                   (A) in subsection (b)(2), by striking  
7                   “5121(j)(8)),” and inserting “5196(j)(8)),”; and

8                   (B) in subsection (m)(3)(C)(iii), by striking  
9                   “that is” and inserting “that the applicant”;

10                  (11) in section 70122, in the section heading, by  
11                  striking “**watch program**” and inserting  
12                  “**Watch Program**”; and

13                  (12) in the analysis for chapter 705, by adding  
14                  a period at the end of the item relating to section  
15                  70508.

16                  (b) *GENERAL BRIDGE STATUTES.*—

17                   (1) *ACT OF MARCH 3, 1899.*—*The Act of March*  
18                   *3, 1899, popularly known as the Rivers and Harbors*  
19                   *Appropriations Act of 1899, is amended—*

20                   (A) in section 9 (33 U.S.C. 401), by strik-  
21                   ing “Secretary of Transportation” each place it  
22                   appears and inserting “Secretary of the depart-  
23                   ment in which the Coast Guard is operating”;  
24                   and

1           (B) in section 18 (33 U.S.C. 502), by strik-  
 2           ing “Secretary of Transportation” each place it  
 3           appears and inserting “Secretary of the depart-  
 4           ment in which the Coast Guard is operating”.

5           (2) ACT OF MARCH 23, 1906.—The Act of March  
 6           23, 1906, popularly known as the Bridge Act of 1906,  
 7           is amended—

8           (A) in the first section (33 U.S.C. 491), by  
 9           striking “Secretary of Transportation” and in-  
 10          serting “Secretary of the department in which  
 11          the Coast Guard is operating”;

12          (B) in section 4 (33 U.S.C. 494), by strik-  
 13          ing “Secretary of Homeland Security” each  
 14          place it appears and inserting “Secretary of the  
 15          department in which the Coast Guard is oper-  
 16          ating”; and

17          (C) in section 5 (33 U.S.C. 495), by strik-  
 18          ing “Secretary of Transportation” each place it  
 19          appears and inserting “Secretary of the depart-  
 20          ment in which the Coast Guard is operating”.

21          (3) ACT OF AUGUST 18, 1894.—Section 5 of the  
 22          Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the  
 23          construction, repair, and preservation of certain pub-  
 24          lic works on rivers and harbors, and for other pur-  
 25          poses”, approved August 18, 1894 (33 U.S.C. 499) is

1        *amended by striking “Secretary of Transportation”*  
 2        *each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of the*  
 3        *department in which the Coast Guard is operating”.*

4            (4) *ACT OF JUNE 21, 1940.—The Act of June 21,*  
 5        *1940, popularly known as the Truman-Hobbs Act, is*  
 6        *amended—*

7            (A) *in section 1 (33 U.S.C. 511), by strik-*  
 8        *ing “Secretary of Transportation” and inserting*  
 9        *“Secretary of the department in which the Coast*  
 10       *Guard is operating”;*

11          (B) *in section 4 (33 U.S.C. 514), by strik-*  
 12       *ing “Secretary of Transportation” and inserting*  
 13       *“Secretary of the department in which the Coast*  
 14       *Guard is operating”;*

15          (C) *in section 7 (33 U.S.C. 517), by strik-*  
 16       *ing “Secretary of Transportation” each place it*  
 17       *appears and inserting “Secretary of the depart-*  
 18       *ment in which the Coast Guard is operating”;*  
 19       *and*

20          (D) *in section 13 (33 U.S.C. 523), by strik-*  
 21       *ing “Secretary of Transportation” and inserting*  
 22       *“Secretary of the department in which the Coast*  
 23       *Guard is operating”.*

24          (5) *GENERAL BRIDGE ACT OF 1946.—The General*  
 25       *Bridge Act of 1946 is amended—*



(A) in section 502(b) (33 U.S.C. 525(b)), by striking “Secretary of Transportation” and inserting “Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating”; and

(B) in section 510 (33 U.S.C. 533), by striking “Secretary of Transportation” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating”.

(6) *INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE ACT OF 1972.*—*The International Bridge Act of 1972 is amended—*

(A) in section 5 (33 U.S.C. 535c), by striking “Secretary of Transportation” and inserting “Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating”;

(B) in section 8 (33 U.S.C. 535e), by striking “Secretary of Transportation” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating”; and

(C) by striking section 11 (33 U.S.C. 535h).

**SEC. 307. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF MARINE CASUALTY REPORTING.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall notify

1 *the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*  
 2 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
 3 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate of the actions*  
 4 *the Commandant will take to implement recommendations*  
 5 *on improvements to the Coast Guard’s marine casualty re-*  
 6 *porting requirements and procedures included in—*

7           (1) *the Department of Homeland Security Office*  
 8           *of Inspector General report entitled “Marine Accident*  
 9           *Reporting, Investigations, and Enforcement in the*  
 10           *United States Coast Guard”, released on May 23,*  
 11           *2013; and*

12           (2) *the Towing Safety Advisory Committee re-*  
 13           *port entitled “Recommendations for Improvement of*  
 14           *Marine Casualty Reporting”, released on March 26,*  
 15           *2015.*

16 **SEC. 308. RECREATIONAL VESSEL ENGINE WEIGHTS.**

17           *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment*  
 18 *of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the*  
 19 *Coast Guard is operating shall issue regulations amending*  
 20 *table 4 to subpart H of part 183 of title 33, Code of Federal*  
 21 *Regulations (relating to Weights (Pounds) of Outboard*  
 22 *Motor and Related Equipment for Various Boat Horse-*  
 23 *power Ratings) as appropriate to reflect “Standard 30–*  
 24 *Outboard Engine and Related Equipment Weights” pub-*

1 *lished by the American Boat and Yacht Council, as in effect*  
 2 *on the date of the enactment of this Act.*

3 **SEC. 309. MERCHANT MARINER MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**  
 4 **REFORM.**

5 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 46, United*  
 6 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

7 **“§ 7509. Medical certification by trusted agents**

8 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-*  
 9 *sion of law and pursuant to regulations prescribed by the*  
 10 *Secretary, a trusted agent may issue a medical certificate*  
 11 *to an individual who—*

12 *“(1) must hold such certificate to qualify for a*  
 13 *license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner’s*  
 14 *document, or endorsement thereto under this part;*  
 15 *and*

16 *“(2) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and phys-*  
 17 *ical condition to perform the duties of such license,*  
 18 *certificate, document, or endorsement, as determined*  
 19 *by the trusted agent.*

20 *“(b) PROCESS FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES BY*  
 21 *SECRETARY.—A final rule implementing this section shall*  
 22 *include a process for—*

23 *“(1) the Secretary of the department in which*  
 24 *the Coast Guard is operating to issue medical certifi-*

1        *cates to mariners who submit applications for such*  
 2        *certificates to the Secretary; and*

3                *“(2) a trusted agent to defer to the Secretary the*  
 4        *issuance of a medical certificate.*

5        *“(c) TRUSTED AGENT DEFINED.—In this section the*  
 6        *term ‘trusted agent’ means a medical practitioner certified*  
 7        *by the Secretary to perform physical examinations of an*  
 8        *individual for purposes of a license, certificate of registry,*  
 9        *or merchant mariner’s document under this part.”.*

10        *(b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 5 years after the date*  
 11        *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department*  
 12        *in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue a final*  
 13        *rule implementing section 7509 of title 46, United States*  
 14        *Code, as added by this section.*

15        *(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such*  
 16        *chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*“7509. Medical certification by trusted agents.”.*

17        **SEC. 310. ATLANTIC COAST PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY.**

18        *(a) ATLANTIC COAST PORT ACCESS ROUTE STUDY.—*  
 19        *Not later than April 1, 2016, the Commandant of the Coast*  
 20        *Guard shall conclude the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route*  
 21        *Study and submit the results of such study to the Committee*  
 22        *on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*  
 23        *resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*  
 24        *Transportation of the Senate.*

1       (b) *NANTUCKET SOUND*.—Not later than December 1,  
 2 2016, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall complete  
 3 and submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
 4 structure of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
 5 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
 6 a port access route study of Nantucket Sound using the  
 7 standards and methodology of the Atlantic Coast Port Ac-  
 8 cess Route Study, to determine whether the Coast Guard  
 9 should revise existing regulations to improve navigation  
 10 safety in Nantucket Sound due to factors such as increased  
 11 vessel traffic, changing vessel traffic patterns, weather con-  
 12 ditions, or navigational difficulty in the vicinity.

13 **SEC. 311. CERTIFICATES OF DOCUMENTATION FOR REC-**  
 14 **REATIONAL VESSELS.**

15       Not later than one year after the date of the enactment  
 16 of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the  
 17 Coast Guard is operating shall issue regulations that—

18           (1) make certificates of documentation for rec-  
 19 reational vessels effective for 5 years; and

20           (2) require the owner of such a vessel—

21               (A) to notify the Coast Guard of each  
 22 change in the information on which the issuance  
 23 of the certificate of documentation is based, that  
 24 occurs before the expiration of the certificate; and

1           (B) apply for a new certificate of docu-  
 2           mentation for such a vessel if there is any such  
 3           change.

4 **SEC. 312. PROGRAM GUIDELINES.**

5       Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
 6 this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

7           (1) develop guidelines to implement the program  
 8           authorized under section 304(a) of the Coast Guard  
 9           and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public  
 10          Law 109–241), including specific actions to ensure  
 11          the future availability of able and credentialed United  
 12          States licensed and unlicensed seafarers including—

13           (A) incentives to encourage partnership  
 14           agreements with operators of foreign-flag vessels  
 15           that carry liquified natural gas, that provide no  
 16           less than one training billet per vessel for United  
 17           States merchant mariners in order to meet min-  
 18           imum mandatory sea service requirements;

19           (B) development of appropriate training  
 20           curricula for use by public and private maritime  
 21           training institutions to meet all United States  
 22           merchant mariner license, certification, and doc-  
 23           ument laws and requirements under the Inter-  
 24           national Convention on Standards of Training,

1           *Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers,*  
 2           *1978; and*

3           *(C) steps to promote greater outreach and*  
 4           *awareness of additional job opportunities for sea*  
 5           *service veterans of the United States Armed*  
 6           *Forces; and*

7           *(2) submit such guidelines to the Committee*  
 8           *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*  
 9           *Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
 10          *Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

11 **SEC. 313. REPEALS.**

12          *(a) REPEALS, MERCHANT MARINE ACT, 1936.—Sec-*  
 13          *tions 601 through 606, 608 through 611, 613 through 616,*  
 14          *802, and 809 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C.*  
 15          *53101 note) are repealed.*

16          *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 575 of title*  
 17          *46, United States Code, is amended—*

18                  *(1) in section 57501, by striking “titles V and*  
 19                  *VI” and inserting “title V”; and*

20                  *(2) in section 57531(a), by striking “titles V and*  
 21                  *VI” and inserting “title V”.*

22          *(c) TRANSFER FROM MERCHANT MARINE ACT,*  
 23          *1936.—*

24                  *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 801 of the Merchant*  
 25          *Marine Act, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 53101 note) is—*

1           (A) redesignated as section 57522 of title  
 2           46, United States Code, and transferred to ap-  
 3           pear after section 57521 of such title; and

4           (B) as so redesignated and transferred, is  
 5           amended—

6           (i) by striking so much as precedes the  
 7           first sentence and inserting the following:

8   **“§ 57522. Books and records, balance sheets, and in-  
 9           spection and auditing”;**

10           (ii) by striking “the provision of title  
 11           VI or VII of this Act” and inserting “this  
 12           chapter”; and

13           (iii) by striking “: Provided, That”  
 14           and all that follows through “Commission”.

15           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for  
 16           chapter 575, of title 46, United States Code, is  
 17           amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
 18           tion 57521 the following:

“57522. Books and records, balance sheets, and inspection and auditing.”.

19           (d) REPEALS, TITLE 46, U.S.C.—Section 8103 of title  
 20           46, United States Code, is amended in subsections (c) and  
 21           (d) by striking “or operating” each place it appears.

22   **SEC. 314. MARITIME DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

23           (a) PROHIBITIONS.—Section 70503(a) of title 46,  
 24           United States Code, is amended to read as follows:



1       “(a) *PROHIBITIONS.*—While on board a covered vessel,  
2   *an individual may not knowingly or intentionally—*

3               “(1) *manufacture or distribute, or possess with*  
4       *intent to manufacture or distribute, a controlled sub-*  
5       *stance;*

6               “(2) *destroy (including jettisoning any item or*  
7       *scuttling, burning, or hastily cleaning a vessel), or at-*  
8       *tempt or conspire to destroy, property that is subject*  
9       *to forfeiture under section 511(a) of the Comprehen-*  
10       *sive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970*  
11       *(21 U.S.C. 881(a)); or*

12               “(3) *conceal, or attempt or conspire to conceal,*  
13       *more than \$100,000 in currency or other monetary*  
14       *instruments on the person of such individual or in*  
15       *any conveyance, article of luggage, merchandise, or*  
16       *other container, or compartment of or aboard the cov-*  
17       *ered vessel if that vessel is outfitted for smuggling.”.*

18       “(b) *COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.*—Section 70503 of  
19   *title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the*  
20   *end the following:*

21               “(e) *COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.*—*In this section the*  
22   *term ‘covered vessel’ means—*

23               “(1) *a vessel of the United States or a vessel sub-*  
24       *ject to the jurisdiction of the United States; or*

1           “(2) any other vessel if the individual is a cit-  
 2       izen of the United States or a resident alien of the  
 3       United States.”.

4       (c) *PENALTIES*.—Section 70506 of title 46, United  
 5       States Code, is amended—

6           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “A person vio-  
 7       lating section 70503” and inserting “A person vio-  
 8       lating paragraph (1) of section 70503(a)”; and

9           (2) by adding at the end the following:

10       “(d) *PENALTY*.—A person violating paragraph (2) or  
 11       (3) of section 70503(a) shall be fined in accordance with  
 12       section 3571 of title 18, imprisoned not more than 15 years,  
 13       or both.”.

14       (d) *SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE*.—Section 70507(a) of  
 15       title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “sec-  
 16       tion 70503” and inserting “section 70503 or 70508”.

17       (e) *CLERICAL AMENDMENTS*.—

18           (1) The heading of section 70503 of title 46,  
 19       United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20       **“§ 70503. Prohibited acts”**

21           (2) The analysis for chapter 705 of title 46,  
 22       United States Code, is further amended by striking  
 23       the item relating to section 70503 and inserting the  
 24       following:

“70503. *Prohibited acts*.”.

1 **SEC. 315. EXAMINATIONS FOR MERCHANT MARINER CRE-**  
 2 **DENTIALS.**

3 (a) *DISCLOSURE.*—

4 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 75 of title 46, United  
 5 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end  
 6 the following:

7 **“§ 7510. Examinations for merchant mariner creden-**  
 8 **tials**

9 “(a) *DISCLOSURE NOT REQUIRED.*—Notwithstanding  
 10 any other provision of law, the Secretary is not required  
 11 to disclose to the public—

12 “(1) a question from any examination for a mer-  
 13 chant mariner credential;

14 “(2) the answer to such a question, including  
 15 any correct or incorrect answer that may be presented  
 16 with such question; and

17 “(3) any quality or characteristic of such a ques-  
 18 tion, including—

19 “(A) the manner in which such question has  
 20 been, is, or may be selected for an examination;

21 “(B) the frequency of such selection; and

22 “(C) the frequency that an examinee cor-  
 23 rectly or incorrectly answered such question.

24 “(b) *EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN QUESTIONS.*—Notwith-  
 25 standing subsection (a), the Secretary may, for the purpose  
 26 of preparation by the general public for examinations re-

1 *quired for merchant mariner credentials, release an exam-*  
 2 *ination question and answer that the Secretary has retired*  
 3 *or is not presently on or part of an examination, or that*  
 4 *the Secretary determines is appropriate for release.*

5 “(c) *EXAM REVIEW.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 90 days after  
 7 the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Author-  
 8 ization Act of 2015, and once every two years there-  
 9 after, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall com-  
 10 mission a working group to review new questions for  
 11 inclusion in examinations required for merchant  
 12 mariner credentials, composed of—

13 “(A) 1 subject matter expert from the Coast  
 14 Guard;

15 “(B) representatives from training facilities  
 16 and the maritime industry, of whom—

17 “(i) one-half shall be representatives  
 18 from approved training facilities; and

19 “(ii) one-half shall be representatives  
 20 from the appropriate maritime industry;

21 “(C) at least 1 representative from the Mer-  
 22 chant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee;

23 “(D) at least 2 representatives from the  
 24 State maritime academies, of whom one shall be  
 25 a representative from the deck training track

1           *and one shall be a representative of the engine li-*  
 2           *cense track;*

3           “(E) *representatives from other Coast*  
 4           *Guard Federal advisory committees, as appro-*  
 5           *priate, for the industry segment associated with*  
 6           *the subject examinations;*

7           “(F) *at least 1 subject matter expert from*  
 8           *the Maritime Administration; and*

9           “(G) *at least 1 human performance tech-*  
 10          *nology representative.*

11          “(2) *INCLUSION OF PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE*  
 12          *ABOUT EXAMINATION TYPE.—The working group shall*  
 13          *include representatives knowledgeable about the exam-*  
 14          *ination type under review.*

15          “(3) *LIMITATION.—The requirement to convene a*  
 16          *working group under paragraph (1) does not apply*  
 17          *unless there are new examination questions to review.*

18          “(4) *BASELINE REVIEW.—*

19               “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Within 1 year after the*  
 20               *date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Au-*  
 21               *thorization Act of 2015, the Secretary shall con-*  
 22               *vene the working group to complete a baseline re-*  
 23               *view of the Coast Guard’s Merchant Mariner*  
 24               *Credentialing Examination, including review*  
 25               *of—*

1                   “(i) the accuracy of examination ques-  
2                   tions;

3                   “(ii) the accuracy and availability of  
4                   examination references;

5                   “(iii) the length of merchant mariner  
6                   examinations; and

7                   “(iv) the use of standard technologies  
8                   in administering, scoring, and analyzing  
9                   the examinations.

10                  “(B) *PROGRESS REPORT.*—The Coast  
11                  Guard shall provide a progress report to the ap-  
12                  propriate congressional committees on the review  
13                  under this paragraph.

14                  “(5) *FULL MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED.*—The  
15                  Coast Guard may convene the working group without  
16                  all members present if any non-Coast-Guard rep-  
17                  resentative is present.

18                  “(6) *NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT.*—The Sec-  
19                  retary shall require all members of the working group  
20                  to sign a nondisclosure agreement with the Secretary.

21                  “(7) *TREATMENT OF MEMBERS AS FEDERAL EM-*  
22                  *PLOYEES.*—A member of the working group who is  
23                  not a Federal Government employee shall not be con-  
24                  sidered a Federal employee in the service or the em-  
25                  ployment of the Federal Government, except that such

1     *a member shall be considered a special government*  
2     *employee, as defined in section 202(a) of title 18 for*  
3     *purposes of sections 203, 205, 207, 208, and 209 of*  
4     *such title and shall be subject to any administrative*  
5     *standards of conduct applicable to an employee of the*  
6     *department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

7             “(8) *FORMAL EXAM REVIEW.*—*The Secretary*  
8     *shall ensure that the Coast Guard Performance Tech-*  
9     *nology Center—*

10            “(A) *prioritizes the review of examinations*  
11     *required for merchant mariner credentials; and*

12            “(B) *not later than 3 years after the date*  
13     *of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization*  
14     *Act of 2015, completes a formal review, includ-*  
15     *ing an appropriate analysis, of the topics and*  
16     *testing methodology employed by the National*  
17     *Maritime Center for merchant seamen licensing.*

18            “(9) *FACA.*—*The Federal Advisory Committee*  
19     *Act (5 U.S.C. App) shall not apply to any working*  
20     *group created under this section to review the Coast*  
21     *Guard’s merchant mariner credentialing examina-*  
22     *tions.*

23            “(d) *MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL DEFINED.*—  
24     *In this section, the term ‘merchant mariner credential’*  
25     *means a merchant seaman license, certificate, or document*

1 *that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to this*  
 2 *title.”.*

3 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for*  
 4 *such chapter is further amended by adding at the end*  
 5 *the following:*

*“7510. Examinations for merchant mariner credentials.”.*

6 (b) *EXAMINATIONS FOR MERCHANT MARINER CRE-*  
 7 *DENTIALS.—*

8 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Chapter 71 of title 46, United*  
 9 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
 10 *lowing:*

11 **“§ 7116. Examinations for merchant mariner creden-**  
 12 **tials**

13 *“(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SAMPLE EXAMS.—The Sec-*  
 14 *retary shall develop a sample merchant mariner credential*  
 15 *examination and outline of merchant mariner examination*  
 16 *topics on an annual basis.*

17 *“(b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each sample examina-*  
 18 *tion and outline of topics developed under subsection (a)*  
 19 *shall be readily available to the public.*

20 *“(c) MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL DEFINED.—*  
 21 *In this section, the term ‘merchant mariner credential’ has*  
 22 *the meaning that term has in section 7510.”.*



1           (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for*  
 2           *such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
 3           *lowing:*

*“7116. Examinations for merchant mariner credentials.”.*

4           (c) *DISCLOSURE TO CONGRESS.*—*Nothing in this sec-*  
 5           *tion may be construed to authorize the withholding of infor-*  
 6           *mation from an appropriate inspector general, the Com-*  
 7           *mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the*  
 8           *Senate, or the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
 9           *structure of the House of Representatives.*

10   **SEC. 316. HIGHER VOLUME PORT AREA REGULATORY DEFINITION CHANGE.**  
 11

12           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subsection (a) of section 710 of the*  
 13           *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–*  
 14           *281; 124 Stat. 2986) is amended to read as follows:*

15           “(a) *HIGHER VOLUME PORTS.*—*Notwithstanding any*  
 16           *other provision of law, the requirements of subparts D, F,*  
 17           *and G of part 155 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations,*  
 18           *that apply to the higher volume port area for the Strait*  
 19           *of Juan de Fuca at Port Angeles, Washington (including*  
 20           *any water area within 50 nautical miles seaward), to and*  
 21           *including Puget Sound, shall apply, in the same manner,*  
 22           *and to the same extent, to the Strait of Juan de Fuca at*  
 23           *Cape Flattery, Washington (including any water area with-*  
 24           *in 50 nautical miles seaward), to and including Puget*  
 25           *Sound.”.*

1       (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Subsection (b) of such  
 2       section is amended by striking “the modification of the  
 3       higher volume port area definition required by subsection  
 4       (a).” and inserting “higher volume port requirements made  
 5       applicable under subsection (a).”.

6       **SEC. 317. RECOGNITION OF PORT SECURITY ASSESSMENTS**  
 7                               **CONDUCTED BY OTHER ENTITIES.**

8       Section 70108 of title 46, United States Code, is  
 9       amended by adding at the end the following:

10       “(f) *RECOGNITION OF ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY*  
 11       *OTHER ENTITIES.*—

12               “(1) *CERTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF AS-*  
 13       *SESSMENTS.*—For the purposes of this section and  
 14       section 70109, the Secretary may treat an assessment  
 15       that a foreign government (including, for the purposes  
 16       of this subsection, an entity of or operating under the  
 17       auspices of the European Union) or international or-  
 18       ganization has conducted as an assessment that the  
 19       Secretary has conducted for the purposes of subsection  
 20       (a), provided that the Secretary certifies that the for-  
 21       eign government or international organization has—

22               “(A) conducted the assessment in accord-  
 23       ance with subsection (b); and

24               “(B) provided the Secretary with sufficient  
 25       information pertaining to its assessment (includ-

1           ing, but not limited to, information on the out-  
2           come of the assessment).

3           “(2) *AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREE-*  
4           *MENT.—For the purposes of this section and section*  
5           *70109, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-*  
6           *retary of State, may enter into an agreement with a*  
7           *foreign government (including, for the purposes of this*  
8           *subsection, an entity of or operating under the aus-*  
9           *pices of the European Union) or international orga-*  
10          *nization, under which parties to the agreement—*

11               “(A) *conduct an assessment, required under*  
12               *subsection (a);*

13               “(B) *share information pertaining to such*  
14               *assessment (including, but not limited to, infor-*  
15               *mation on the outcome of the assessment); or*

16               “(C) *both.*

17           “(3) *LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this subsection*  
18           *shall be construed to—*

19               “(A) *require the Secretary to recognize an*  
20               *assessment that a foreign government or an*  
21               *international organization has conducted; or*

22               “(B) *limit the discretion or ability of the*  
23               *Secretary to conduct an assessment under this*  
24               *section.*

“(4) *NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 30 days before entering into an agreement or arrangement with a foreign government under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate of the proposed terms of such agreement or arrangement.”.

**SEC. 318. FISHING VESSEL AND FISH TENDER VESSEL CERTIFICATION.**

(a) *ALTERNATIVE SAFETY COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS.*—

Section 4503 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “this section” and inserting “this subsection”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “This section” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (d), subsection (a)”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “This section” and inserting

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), subsection (a)”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

1       “(2) Subsection (a) does not apply to a fishing vessel  
 2 or fish tender vessel to which section 4502(b) of this title  
 3 applies, if the vessel—

4           “(A) is at least 50 feet overall in length, and not  
 5 more than 79 feet overall in length as listed on the  
 6 vessel’s certificate of documentation or certificate of  
 7 number; and

8           “(B)(i) is built after the date of the enactment  
 9 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015; and

10          “(ii) complies with—

11           “(I) the requirements described in sub-  
 12 section (e); or

13           “(II) the alternative requirements estab-  
 14 lished by the Secretary under subsection (f).”;  
 15 and

16          (4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection  
 17 (g), and inserting after subsection (d) the following:

18          “(e) The requirements referred to in subsection  
 19 (c)(2)(B)(ii)(I) are the following:

20           “(1) The vessel is designed by an individual li-  
 21 censed by a State as a naval architect or marine en-  
 22 gineer, and the design incorporates standards equiva-  
 23 lent to those prescribed by a classification society to  
 24 which the Secretary has delegated authority under  
 25 section 3316 or another qualified organization ap-

1     *proved by the Secretary for purposes of this para-*  
2     *graph.*

3             *“(2) Construction of the vessel is overseen and*  
4     *certified as being in accordance with its design by a*  
5     *marine surveyor of an organization accepted by the*  
6     *Secretary.*

7             *“(3) The vessel—*

8                 *“(A) completes a stability test performed by*  
9     *a qualified individual;*

10                *“(B) has written stability and loading in-*  
11     *structions from a qualified individual that are*  
12     *provided to the owner or operator; and*

13                *“(C) has an assigned loading mark.*

14             *“(4) The vessel is not substantially altered with-*  
15     *out the review and approval of an individual licensed*  
16     *by a State as a naval architect or marine engineer*  
17     *before the beginning of such substantial alteration.*

18             *“(5) The vessel undergoes a condition survey at*  
19     *least twice in 5 years, not to exceed 3 years between*  
20     *surveys, to the satisfaction of a marine surveyor of an*  
21     *organization accepted by the Secretary.*

22             *“(6) The vessel undergoes an out-of-water survey*  
23     *at least once every 5 years to the satisfaction of a cer-*  
24     *tified marine surveyor of an organization accepted by*  
25     *the Secretary.*

1           “(7) Once every 5 years and at the time of a  
2           substantial alteration to such vessel, compliance of the  
3           vessel with the requirements of paragraph (3) is re-  
4           viewed and updated as necessary.

5           “(8) For the life of the vessel, the owner of the  
6           vessel maintains records to demonstrate compliance  
7           with this subsection and makes such records readily  
8           available for inspection by an official authorized to  
9           enforce this chapter.

10          “(f)(1) Not later than 10 years after the date of the  
11          enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015,  
12          the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
13          tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
14          and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
15          tation of the Senate a report that provides an analysis of  
16          the adequacy of the requirements under subsection (e) in  
17          maintaining the safety of the fishing vessels and fish tender  
18          vessels which are described in subsection (c)(2) and which  
19          comply with the requirements of subsection (e).

20          “(2) If the report required under this subsection in-  
21          cludes a determination that the safety requirements under  
22          subsection (e) are not adequate or that additional safety  
23          measures are necessary, that the Secretary may establish  
24          an alternative safety compliance program for fishing vessels  
25          or fish tender vessels (or both) which are described in sub-

1 *section (c)(2) and which comply with the requirements of*  
 2 *subsection (e).*

3 “(3) *The alternative safety compliance program estab-*  
 4 *lished under this subsection shall include requirements*  
 5 *for—*

6 “(A) *vessel construction;*

7 “(B) *a vessel stability test;*

8 “(C) *vessel stability and loading instructions;*

9 “(D) *an assigned vessel loading mark;*

10 “(E) *a vessel condition survey at least twice in*  
 11 *5 years, not to exceed 3 years between surveys;*

12 “(F) *an out-of-water vessel survey at least once*  
 13 *every 5 years;*

14 “(G) *maintenance of records to demonstrate com-*  
 15 *pliance with the program, and the availability of*  
 16 *such records for inspection; and*

17 “(H) *such other aspects of vessel safety as the*  
 18 *Secretary considers appropriate.”.*

19 (b) *GAO REPORT ON COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL*  
 20 *SAFETY.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months*  
 22 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-*  
 23 *troller General of the United States shall submit to*  
 24 *the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*  
 25 *of the House of Representatives and the Committee on*



1       *Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate*  
2       *a report on commercial fishing vessel safety. The re-*  
3       *port shall include—*

4               *(A) national and regional trends that can*  
5       *be identified with respect to rates of marine cas-*  
6       *ualties, human injuries, and deaths aboard or*  
7       *involving fishing vessels greater than 79 feet in*  
8       *length that operate beyond the 3-nautical-mile*  
9       *demarcation line;*

10              *(B) a comparison of United States regula-*  
11       *tions for classification of fishing vessels to those*  
12       *established by other countries, including the ves-*  
13       *sel length at which such regulations apply;*

14              *(C) the additional costs imposed on vessel*  
15       *owners as a result of the requirement in section*  
16       *4503(a) of title 46, United States Code, and how*  
17       *the those costs vary in relation to vessel size and*  
18       *from region to region;*

19              *(D) savings that result from the application*  
20       *of the requirement in section 4503(a) of title 46,*  
21       *United States Code, including reductions in in-*  
22       *surance rates or reduction in the number of fish-*  
23       *ing vessels or fish tender vessels lost to major*  
24       *safety casualties, nationally and regionally;*

1           (E) a national and regional comparison of  
2           the additional costs and safety benefits associated  
3           with fishing vessels or fish tender vessels that are  
4           built and maintained to class through a classi-  
5           fication society to the additional costs and safety  
6           benefits associated with fishing vessels or fish  
7           tender vessels that are built to standards equiva-  
8           lent to classification society construction stand-  
9           ards and maintained to standards equivalent to  
10          classification society standards with verification  
11          by independent surveyors; and

12          (F) the impact on the cost of production  
13          and availability of qualified shipyards, nation-  
14          ally and regionally, resulting from the applica-  
15          tion of the requirement in section 4503(a) of title  
16          46, United States Code.

17          (2) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—In pre-  
18          paring the report under paragraph (1), the Comp-  
19          troller General shall—

20               (A) consult with owners and operators of  
21               fishing vessels or fish tender vessels, classification  
22               societies, shipyards, the National Institute for  
23               Occupational Safety and Health, the National  
24               Transportation Safety Board, the Coast Guard,

academics, naval architects, and marine safety  
nongovernmental organizations; and

(B) obtain relevant data from the Coast  
Guard including data collected from enforcement  
actions, boardings, investigations of marine cas-  
ualties, and serious marine incidents.

(3) *TREATMENT OF DATA.*—In preparing the re-  
port under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General  
shall—

(A) disaggregate data regionally for each of  
the regions managed by the regional fishery  
management councils established under section  
302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conserva-  
tion and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852), the  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission,  
the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission,  
and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commis-  
sion; and

(B) include qualitative data on the types of  
fishing vessels or fish tender vessels included in  
the report.

**SEC. 319. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON  
OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 7001(a)(3) of the Oil Pollu-  
tion Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2761(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) *by striking “Minerals Management Service” and inserting “Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,”; and*

(2) *by inserting “the United States Arctic Research Commission,” after “National Aeronautics and Space Administration,”.*

(b) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2761) is amended—*

(1) *in subsection (b)(2), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Department of Transportation” and inserting “department in which the Coast Guard is operating”; and*

(2) *in subsection (c)(8)(A), by striking “(1989)” and inserting “(2010)”.*

**SEC. 320. INTERNATIONAL PORT AND FACILITY INSPECTION COORDINATION.**

*Section 825(a) of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (6 U.S.C. 945 note; Public Law 111–281) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—*

(1) *by striking “the department in which the Coast Guard is operating” and inserting “Homeland Security”; and*

(2) *by striking “they are integrated and conducted by the Coast Guard” and inserting “the assess-*

1        *ments are coordinated between the Coast Guard and*  
 2        *Customs and Border Protection”.*

3        ***TITLE IV—FEDERAL MARITIME***  
 4        ***COMMISSION***

5        ***SEC. 401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

6        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 46, United States*  
 7        *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

8        ***“§ 308. Authorization of appropriations***

9        *“There is authorized to be appropriated to the Federal*  
 10        *Maritime Commission \$24,700,000 for each of fiscal years*  
 11        *2016 and 2017 for the activities of the Commission author-*  
 12        *ized under this chapter and subtitle IV.”.*

13        *(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter*  
 14        *3 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding*  
 15        *at the end the following:*

*“308. Authorization of appropriations.”.*

16        ***SEC. 402. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN.***

17        *Section 301(c)(3)(A) of title 46, United States Code,*  
 18        *is amended—*

19                *(1) in clause (ii) by striking “units, but only*  
 20                *after consultation with the other Commissioners;” and*  
 21                *inserting “units (with such appointments subject to*  
 22                *the approval of the Commission);”;*

23                *(2) in clause (iv) by striking “and” at the end;*

24                *(3) in clause (v) by striking the period at the*  
 25                *end and inserting “; and”; and*

1           (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

2                       “(vi) *prepare and submit to the Presi-*  
 3                       *dent and the Congress requests for appro-*  
 4                       *priations for the Commission (with such re-*  
 5                       *quests subject to the approval of the Com-*  
 6                       *mission).*”.

7   **SEC. 403. PROHIBITION ON AWARDS.**

8           *Section 307 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*  
 9   *ed—*

10           (1) *by striking “The Federal Maritime Commis-*  
 11           *sion” and inserting the following:*

12           “(a) *IN GENERAL.—The Federal Maritime Commis-*  
 13           *sion*”; *and*

14           (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

15           “(b) *PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),*  
 16           *the Federal Maritime Commission may not expend any*  
 17           *funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it to a*  
 18           *non-Federal entity to issue an award, prize, commendation,*  
 19           *or other honor that is not related to the purposes set forth*  
 20           *in section 40101.*”.

**TITLE V—CONVEYANCES**

***Subtitle A—Miscellaneous***

***Conveyances***

**SEC. 501. CONVEYANCE OF COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN  
POINT REYES STATION, CALIFORNIA.**

*(a) CONVEYANCE.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall convey to the County of Marin, California all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the covered property—*

*(A) for fair market value, as provided in paragraph (2);*

*(B) subject to the conditions required by this section; and*

*(C) subject to any other term or condition that the Commandant considers appropriate and reasonable to protect the interests of the United States.*

*(2) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value of the covered property shall be—*

*(A) determined by a real estate appraiser who has been selected by the County and is licensed to practice in California; and*

*(B) approved by the Commandant.*

1           (3) *PROCEEDS.*—*The Commandant shall deposit*  
 2       *the proceeds from a conveyance under paragraph (1)*  
 3       *in the Coast Guard Housing Fund established by sec-*  
 4       *tion 687 of title 14, United States Code.*

5       (b) *CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.*—*As a condition of*  
 6       *any conveyance of the covered property under this section,*  
 7       *the Commandant shall require that all right, title, and in-*  
 8       *terest in and to the covered property shall revert to the*  
 9       *United States if the covered property or any part thereof*  
 10      *ceases to be used for affordable housing, as defined by the*  
 11      *County and the Commandant at the time of conveyance,*  
 12      *or to provide a public benefit approved by the County.*

13      (c) *SURVEY.*—*The exact acreage and legal description*  
 14      *of the covered property shall be determined by a survey sat-*  
 15      *isfactory to the Commandant.*

16      (d) *RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this sec-*  
 17      *tion may be construed to affect or limit the application of*  
 18      *or obligation to comply with any environmental law, in-*  
 19      *cluding section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental*  
 20      *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42*  
 21      *U.S.C. 9620(h)).*

22      (e) *COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.*—*In this section,*  
 23      *the term “covered property” means the approximately 32*  
 24      *acres of real property (including all improvements located*  
 25      *on the property) that are—*



1           (1) *located in Point Reyes Station in the County*  
 2       *of Marin, California;*

3           (2) *under the administrative control of the Coast*  
 4       *Guard; and*

5           (3) *described as “Parcel A, Tract 1”, “Parcel B,*  
 6       *Tract 2”, “Parcel C”, and “Parcel D” in the Declara-*  
 7       *tion of Taking (Civil No. C 71–1245 SC) filed June*  
 8       *28, 1971, in the United States District Court for the*  
 9       *Northern District of California.*

10       (f) *EXPIRATION.—The authority to convey the covered*  
 11       *property under this section shall expire on the date that*  
 12       *is four years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

13       **SEC. 502. CONVEYANCE OF COAST GUARD PROPERTY IN**  
 14               **TOK, ALASKA.**

15       (a) *CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Commandant of*  
 16       *the Coast Guard may convey to the Tanana Chiefs’ Con-*  
 17       *ference all right, title, and interest of the United States in*  
 18       *and to the covered property, upon payment to the United*  
 19       *States of the fair market value of the covered property.*

20       (b) *SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description*  
 21       *of the covered property shall be determined by a survey sat-*  
 22       *isfactory to the Commandant.*

23       (c) *FAIR MARKET VALUE.—The fair market value of*  
 24       *the covered property shall be—*

25           (1) *determined by appraisal; and*

1           (2) *subject to the approval of the Commandant.*

2           (d) *COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The responsibility for all*  
 3 *reasonable and necessary costs, including real estate trans-*  
 4 *action and environmental documentation costs, associated*  
 5 *with a conveyance under this section shall be determined*  
 6 *by the Commandant and the purchaser.*

7           (e) *ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Com-*  
 8 *mandant may require such additional terms and conditions*  
 9 *in connection with a conveyance under this section as the*  
 10 *Commandant considers appropriate and reasonable to pro-*  
 11 *tect the interests of the United States.*

12          (f) *DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—Any proceeds received by*  
 13 *the United States from a conveyance under this section shall*  
 14 *be deposited in the Coast Guard Housing Fund established*  
 15 *under section 687 of title 14, United States Code.*

16          (g) *COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—*

17           (1) *IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term “cov-*  
 18 *ered property” means the approximately 3.25 acres of*  
 19 *real property (including all improvements located on*  
 20 *the property) that are—*

21                   (A) *located in Tok, Alaska;*

22                   (B) *under the administrative control of the*  
 23 *Coast Guard; and*

24                   (C) *described in paragraph (2).*

1           (2) *DESCRIPTION.*—*The property described in*  
2 *this paragraph is the following:*

3           (A) *Lots 11, 12 and 13, block “G”, Second*  
4 *Addition to Hartsell Subdivision, Section 20,*  
5 *Township 18 North, Range 13 East, Copper*  
6 *River Meridian, Alaska as appears by Plat No.*  
7 *72–39 filed in the Office of the Recorder for the*  
8 *Fairbanks Recording District of Alaska, bearing*  
9 *seal dated 25 September 1972, all containing ap-*  
10 *proximately 1.25 acres and commonly known as*  
11 *2–PLEX – Jackie Circle, Units A and B.*

12           (B) *Beginning at a point being the SE cor-*  
13 *ner of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24, Town-*  
14 *ship 18 North, Range 12 East, Copper River Me-*  
15 *ridian, Alaska; thence running westerly along*  
16 *the south line of said SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  260*  
17 *feet; thence northerly parallel to the east line of*  
18 *said SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  335 feet; thence easterly*  
19 *parallel to the south line 260 feet; then south 335*  
20 *feet along the east boundary of Section 24 to the*  
21 *point of beginning; all containing approximately*  
22 *2.0 acres and commonly known as 4–PLEX –*  
23 *West “C” and Willow, Units A, B, C and D.*

1       (h) *EXPIRATION.*—*The authority to convey the covered*  
 2 *property under this section shall expire on the date that*  
 3 *is 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

## 4       ***Subtitle B—Pribilof Islands***

### 5       ***SEC. 521. SHORT TITLE.***

6       *This subtitle may be cited as the “Pribilof Island*  
 7 *Transition Completion Act of 2015”.*

### 8       ***SEC. 522. TRANSFER AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.***

9       (a) *TRANSFER.*—*To further accomplish the settlement*  
 10 *of land claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement*  
 11 *Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), the Secretary of Commerce*  
 12 *shall, subject to paragraph (2), and notwithstanding section*  
 13 *105(a) of the Pribilof Islands Transition Act (16 U.S.C.*  
 14 *1161 note; Public Law 106–562), convey all right, title, and*  
 15 *interest in the following property to the Alaska native vil-*  
 16 *lage corporation for St. Paul Island:*

17               (1) *Lots 4, 5, and 6A, Block 18, Tract A, U.S.*  
 18 *Survey 4943, Alaska, the plat of which was Officially*  
 19 *Filed on January 20, 2004, aggregating 13,006*  
 20 *square feet (0.30 acres).*

21               (2) *On the termination of the license described in*  
 22 *subsection (b)(3), T. 35 S., R. 131 W., Seward Merid-*  
 23 *ian, Alaska, Tract 43, the plat of which was Offi-*  
 24 *cially Filed on May 14, 1986, containing 84.88 acres.*

25       (b) *FEDERAL USE.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of the depart-*  
2           *ment in which the Coast Guard is operating may op-*  
3           *erate, maintain, keep, locate, inspect, repair, and re-*  
4           *place any Federal aid to navigation located on the*  
5           *property described in subsection (a) as long as the aid*  
6           *is needed for navigational purposes.*

7           (2) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*In carrying out sub-*  
8           *section (a), the Secretary may enter the property, at*  
9           *any time for as long as the aid is needed for naviga-*  
10          *tional purposes, without notice to the extent that it is*  
11          *not practicable to provide advance notice.*

12          (3) *LICENSE.*—*The Secretary of the Department*  
13          *in which the Coast Guard is operating may maintain*  
14          *a license in effect on the date of the enactment of this*  
15          *Act with respect to the real property and improve-*  
16          *ments under subsection (a) until the termination of*  
17          *the license.*

18          (4) *REPORTS.*—*Not later than 2 years after the*  
19          *date of the enactment of this Act and not less than*  
20          *once every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the de-*  
21          *partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall*  
22          *submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the*  
23          *House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*  
24          *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a*  
25          *report on—*

- 1           (A) efforts taken to remediate contaminated  
 2           soils on tract 43 described in subsection (a)(2);  
 3           (B) a schedule for the completion of con-  
 4           taminated soil remediation on tract 43; and  
 5           (C) any use of tract 43 to carry out Coast  
 6           Guard navigation activities.

7           (c) *AGREEMENT ON TRANSFER OF OTHER PROPERTY*  
 8           *ON ST. PAUL ISLAND.*—

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to the property*  
 10          *transferred under subsection (a), not later than 60*  
 11          *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
 12          *Secretary of Commerce and the presiding officer of*  
 13          *the Alaska native village corporation for St. Paul Is-*  
 14          *land shall enter into an agreement to exchange of*  
 15          *property on Tracts 50 and 38 on St. Paul Island and*  
 16          *to finalize the recording of deeds, to reflect the bound-*  
 17          *aries and ownership of Tracts 50 and 38 as depicted*  
 18          *on a survey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric*  
 19          *Administration, to be filed with the Office of the Re-*  
 20          *corder for the Department of Natural Resources for*  
 21          *the State of Alaska.*

22          (2) *EASEMENTS.*—*The survey described in sub-*  
 23          *section (a) shall include respective easements granted*  
 24          *to the Secretary and the Alaska native village cor-*

1       poration for the purpose of utilities, drainage, road  
2       access, and salt lagoon conservation.

3   **SEC. 523. NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION.**

4       Section 105 of the Pribilof Islands Transition Act (16  
5   U.S.C. 1161 note; Public Law 106–562) is amended—

6               (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “The Sec-  
7       retary” and inserting “Notwithstanding paragraph  
8       (2) and effective beginning on the date the Secretary  
9       publishes the notice of certification required by sub-  
10      section (b)(5), the Secretary”;

11              (2) in subsection (b)—

12                   (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “sec-  
13       tion 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.  
14       1165)” and inserting “section 205(a) of the Fur  
15       Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1165(a))”; and

16                   (B) by adding at the end the following:

17                   “(5) NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary  
18       shall promptly publish and submit to the Committee  
19       on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives  
20       and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
21       portation of the Senate notice that the certification  
22       described in paragraph (2) has been made.”; and

23              (3) in subsection (c)—

24                   (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
25       by striking “makes the certification described in

1        *subsection (b)(2)” and inserting “publishes the*  
 2        *notice of certification required by subsection*  
 3        *(b)(5)”;* and

4                *(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “Section*  
 5        *205” and inserting “Subsections (a), (b), (c),*  
 6        *and (d) of section 205”;*

7        *(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
 8        *(g); and*

9        *(5) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*  
 10       *lowing:*

11       *“(e) NOTIFICATIONS.—*

12                *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after*  
 13        *the Secretary makes a determination under subsection*  
 14        *(f) that land on St. Paul Island, Alaska, not specified*  
 15        *for transfer in the document entitled ‘Transfer of*  
 16        *Property on the Pribilof Islands: Descriptions, Terms*  
 17        *and Conditions’ or section 522 of the Pribilof Island*  
 18        *Transition Completion Act of 2015 is in excess of the*  
 19        *needs of the Secretary and the Federal Government,*  
 20        *the Secretary shall notify the Alaska native village*  
 21        *corporation for St. Paul Island of the determination.*

22                *“(2) ELECTION TO RECEIVE.—Not later than 60*  
 23        *days after the date receipt of the notification of the*  
 24        *Secretary under subsection (a), the Alaska native vil-*  
 25        *lage corporation for St. Paul Island shall notify the*



1     *Secretary in writing whether the Alaska native vil-*  
 2     *lage corporation elects to receive all right, title, and*  
 3     *interest in the land or a portion of the land.*

4             “(3) *TRANSFER.—If the Alaska native village*  
 5     *corporation provides notice under paragraph (2) that*  
 6     *the Alaska native village corporation elects to receive*  
 7     *all right, title and interest in the land or a portion*  
 8     *of the land, the Secretary shall transfer all right, title,*  
 9     *and interest in the land or portion to the Alaska na-*  
 10    *tive village corporation at no cost.*

11            “(4) *OTHER DISPOSITION.—If the Alaska native*  
 12    *village corporation does not provide notice under*  
 13    *paragraph (2) that the Alaska native village corpora-*  
 14    *tion elects to receive all right, title, and interest in the*  
 15    *land or a portion of the land, the Secretary may dis-*  
 16    *pose of the land in accordance with other applicable*  
 17    *law.*

18            “(f) *DETERMINATION.—*

19            “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after*  
 20    *the date of the enactment of this subsection and not*  
 21    *less than once every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary*  
 22    *shall determine whether property located on St. Paul*  
 23    *Island and not transferred to the Natives of the*  
 24    *Pribilof Islands is in excess of the smallest practicable*  
 25    *tract enclosing land—*

1           “(A) needed by the Secretary for the pur-  
 2           poses of carrying out the Fur Seal Act of 1966  
 3           (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.);

4           “(B) in the case of land withdrawn by the  
 5           Secretary on behalf of other Federal agencies,  
 6           needed for carrying out the missions of those  
 7           agencies for which land was withdrawn; or

8           “(C) actually used by the Federal Govern-  
 9           ment in connection with the administration of  
 10          any Federal installation on St. Paul Island.

11          “(2) *REPORT OF DETERMINATION.*—When a de-  
 12          termination is made under subsection (a), the Sec-  
 13          retary shall report the determination to—

14               “(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of  
 15               the House of Representatives;

16               “(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
 17               and Transportation of the Senate; and

18               “(C) the Alaska native village corporation  
 19               for St. Paul Island.”.

20   **SEC. 524. REDUNDANT CAPABILITY.**

21          (a) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Except as provided in  
 22          subsection (b), section 681 of title 14, United States Code,  
 23          as amended by this Act, shall not be construed to prohibit  
 24          any transfer or conveyance of lands under this subtitle or  
 25          any actions that involve the dismantling or disposal of in-

1 *frastructure that supported the former LORAN system that*  
 2 *are associated with the transfer or conveyance of lands*  
 3 *under section 522.*

4       **(b) REDUNDANT CAPABILITY.**—*If, within the 5-year*  
 5 *period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
 6 *the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard*  
 7 *is operating determines that a facility on Tract 43, if trans-*  
 8 *ferred under this subtitle, is subsequently required to pro-*  
 9 *vide a positioning, navigation, and timing system to pro-*  
 10 *vide redundant capability in the event GPS signals are dis-*  
 11 *rupted, the Secretary may—*

12               (1) *operate, maintain, keep, locate, inspect, re-*  
 13 *pair, and replace such facility; and*

14               (2) *in carrying out the activities described in*  
 15 *paragraph (1), enter, at any time, the facility with-*  
 16 *out notice to the extent that it is not possible to pro-*  
 17 *vide advance notice, for as long as such facility is*  
 18 *needed to provide such capability.*

19 ***Subtitle C—Conveyance of Coast***  
 20 ***Guard Property at Point Spen-***  
 21 ***cer, Alaska***

22 ***SEC. 531. FINDINGS.***

23 *The Congress finds as follows:*

24               (1) *Major shipping traffic is increasing through*  
 25 *the Bering Strait, the Bering and Chukchi Seas, and*

1     *the Arctic Ocean, and will continue to increase wheth-*  
2     *er or not development of the Outer Continental Shelf*  
3     *of the United States is undertaken in the future, and*  
4     *will increase further if such Outer Continental Shelf*  
5     *development is undertaken.*

6             *(2) There is a compelling national, State, Alaska*  
7     *Native, and private sector need for permanent infra-*  
8     *structure development and for a presence in the Arctic*  
9     *region of Alaska by appropriate agencies of the Fed-*  
10    *eral Government, particularly in proximity to the*  
11    *Bering Strait, to support and facilitate search and*  
12    *rescue, shipping safety, economic development, oil*  
13    *spill prevention and response, protection of Alaska*  
14    *Native archaeological and cultural resources, port of*  
15    *refuge, arctic research, and maritime law enforcement*  
16    *on the Bering Sea, the Chukchi Sea, and the Arctic*  
17    *Ocean.*

18            *(3) The United States owns a parcel of land,*  
19    *known as Point Spencer, located between the Bering*  
20    *Strait and Port Clarence and adjacent to some of the*  
21    *best potential deepwater port sites on the coast of*  
22    *Alaska in the Arctic.*

23            *(4) Prudent and effective use of Point Spencer*  
24    *may be best achieved through marshaling the energy,*

1       resources, and leadership of the public and private  
2       sectors.

3               (5) *It is in the national interest to develop infra-*  
4       *structure at Point Spencer that would aid the Coast*  
5       *Guard in performing its statutory duties and func-*  
6       *tions in the Arctic on a more permanent basis and*  
7       *to allow for public and private sector development of*  
8       *facilities and other infrastructure to support purposes*  
9       *that are of benefit to the United States.*

10 **SEC. 532. DEFINITIONS.**

11       *In this subtitle:*

12               (1) *ARCTIC.*—*The term “Arctic” has the mean-*  
13       *ing given that term in section 112 of the Arctic Re-*  
14       *search and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).*

15               (2) *BSNC.*—*The term “BSNC” means the Ber-*  
16       *ing Straits Native Corporation authorized under sec-*  
17       *tion 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43*  
18       *U.S.C. 1606).*

19               (3) *COUNCIL.*—*The term “Council” means the*  
20       *Port Coordination Council established under section*  
21       *541.*

22               (4) *PLAN.*—*The term “Plan” means the Port*  
23       *Management Coordination Plan developed under sec-*  
24       *tion 541.*

1           (5) *POINT SPENCER.*—*The term “Point Spencer”*  
 2           *means the land known as “Point Spencer” located in*  
 3           *Townships 2, 3, and 4 South, Range 40 West, Kateel*  
 4           *River Meridian, Alaska, between the Bering Strait*  
 5           *and Port Clarence and withdrawn by Public Land*  
 6           *Order 2650 (published in the Federal Register on*  
 7           *April 12, 1962).*

8           (6) *SECRETARY.*—*Except as otherwise specifi-*  
 9           *cally provided, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-*  
 10          *retary of the department in which the Coast Guard*  
 11          *is operating.*

12          (7) *STATE.*—*The term “State” means the State*  
 13          *of Alaska.*

14          (8) *TRACT.*—*The term “Tract” or “Tracts”*  
 15          *means any of Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3, Tract 4,*  
 16          *Tract 5, or Tract 6, as appropriate, or any portion*  
 17          *of such Tract or Tracts.*

18          (9) *TRACTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6.*—*The terms*  
 19          *“Tract 1”, “Tract 2”, “Tract 3”, “Tract 4”, “Tract*  
 20          *5”, and “Tract 6” each mean the land generally de-*  
 21          *picted as Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3, Tract 4, Tract*  
 22          *5, or Tract 6, respectively, on the map entitled the*  
 23          *“Point Spencer Land Retention and Conveyance*  
 24          *Map”, dated January 2015, and on file with the De-*

1        *partment of Homeland Security and the Department*  
2        *of the Interior.*

3        **SEC. 533. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY LAND IN POINT SPENCER.**

4        *(a) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY TRACTS 1, 3, AND 4.—*  
5        *Within 1 year after the Secretary notifies the Secretary of*  
6        *the Interior that the Coast Guard no longer needs to retain*  
7        *jurisdiction of Tract 1, Tract 3, or Tract 4 and subject to*  
8        *section 534, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to*  
9        *BSNC or the State, subject to valid existing rights, all right,*  
10       *title, and interest of the United States in and to the surface*  
11       *and subsurface estates of that Tract in accordance with sub-*  
12       *section (d).*

13       *(b) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY TRACTS 2 AND 5.—Within*  
14       *1 year after the date of the enactment of this section and*  
15       *subject to section 534, the Secretary of the Interior shall*  
16       *convey, subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and*  
17       *interest of the United States in and to the surface and sub-*  
18       *surface estates of Tract 2 and Tract 5 in accordance with*  
19       *subsection (d).*

20       *(c) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER TRACT 6.—Within one*  
21       *year after the date of the enactment of this Act and subject*  
22       *to sections 534 and 535, the Secretary of the Interior shall*  
23       *convey, subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and*  
24       *interest of the United States in and to the surface and sub-*  
25       *surface estates of Tract 6 in accordance with subsection (e).*

1       (d) *ORDER OF OFFER TO CONVEY TRACT 1, 2, 3, 4,*  
 2 *OR 5.—*

3           (1) *DETERMINATION AND OFFER.—*

4               (A) *TRACT 1, 3, OR 4.—If the Secretary*  
 5 *makes the determination under subsection (a)*  
 6 *and subject to section 534, the Secretary of the*  
 7 *Interior shall offer Tract 1, Tract 3, or Tract 4*  
 8 *for conveyance to BSNC under the Alaska Native*  
 9 *Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).*

10              (B) *TRACT 2 AND 5.—Subject to section 534,*  
 11 *the Secretary of the Interior shall offer Tract 2*  
 12 *and Tract 5 to BSNC under the Alaska Native*  
 13 *Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).*

14           (2) *OFFER TO BSNC.—*

15               (A) *ACCEPTANCE BY BSNC.—If BSNC*  
 16 *chooses to accept an offer of conveyance of a*  
 17 *Tract under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the*  
 18 *Interior shall consider Tract 6 as within BSNC's*  
 19 *entitlement under section 14(h)(8) of the Alaska*  
 20 *Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.*  
 21 *1613(h)(8)) and shall convey such Tract to*  
 22 *BSNC.*

23               (B) *DECLINE BY BSNC.—If BSNC declines*  
 24 *to accept an offer of conveyance of a Tract under*  
 25 *paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Interior shall*



offer such Tract for conveyance to the State under the Act of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the “Alaska Statehood Act”) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21; Public Law 85–508).

(3) OFFER TO STATE.—

(A) ACCEPTANCE BY STATE.—If the State chooses to accept an offer of conveyance of a Tract under paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary of the Interior shall consider such Tract as within the State’s entitlement under the Act of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the “Alaska Statehood Act”) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21; Public Law 85–508) and shall convey such Tract to the State.

(B) DECLINE BY STATE.—If the State declines to accept an offer of conveyance of a Tract offered under paragraph (2)(B), such Tract shall be disposed of pursuant to applicable public land laws.

(e) ORDER OF OFFER TO CONVEY TRACT 6.—

(1) OFFER.—Subject to section 534, the Secretary of the Interior shall offer Tract 6 for conveyance to the State.

(2) OFFER TO STATE.—

1           (A) *ACCEPTANCE BY STATE.*—If the State  
 2 chooses to accept an offer of conveyance of Tract  
 3 6 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Inte-  
 4 rior shall consider Tract 6 as within the State’s  
 5 entitlement under the Act of July 7, 1958 (com-  
 6 monly known as the “Alaska Statehood Act”) (48  
 7 U.S.C. note prec. 21; Public Law 85–508) and  
 8 shall convey Tract 6 to the State.

9           (B) *DECLINE BY STATE.*—If the State de-  
 10 clines to accept an offer of conveyance of Tract  
 11 6 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Inte-  
 12 rior shall offer Tract 6 for conveyance to BSNC  
 13 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
 14 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

15       (3) *OFFER TO BSNC.*—

16           (A) *ACCEPTANCE BY BSNC.*—

17           (i) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to clause  
 18 (ii), if BSNC chooses to accept an offer of  
 19 conveyance of Tract 6 under paragraph  
 20 (2)(B), the Secretary of the Interior shall  
 21 consider Tract 6 as within BSNC’s entitle-  
 22 ment under section 14(h)(8) of the Alaska  
 23 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
 24 1613(h)(8)) and shall convey Tract 6 to  
 25 BSNC.

1                   (ii) *LEASE BY THE STATE.*—*The con-*  
 2                   *veyance of Tract 6 to BSNC shall be subject*  
 3                   *to BSNC negotiating a lease of Tract 6 to*  
 4                   *the State at no cost to the State, if the State*  
 5                   *requests such a lease.*

6                   (B) *DECLINE BY BSNC.*—*If BSNC declines*  
 7                   *to accept an offer of conveyance of Tract 6 under*  
 8                   *paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary of the Interior*  
 9                   *shall dispose of Tract 6 pursuant to the applica-*  
 10                  *ble public land laws.*

11 **SEC. 534. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE, LIABILITY, AND**  
 12 **MONITORING.**

13           (a) *ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.*—*Nothing in this*  
 14 *Act or any amendment made by this Act may be construed*  
 15 *to affect or limit the application of or obligation to comply*  
 16 *with any applicable environmental law, including section*  
 17 *120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,*  
 18 *Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.*  
 19 *9620(h)).*

20           (b) *LIABILITY.*—*A person to which a conveyance is*  
 21 *made under this subtitle shall hold the United States harm-*  
 22 *less from any liability with respect to activities carried out*  
 23 *on or after the date of the conveyance of the real property*  
 24 *conveyed. The United States shall remain responsible for*

1 *any liability with respect to activities carried out before*  
 2 *such date on the real property conveyed.*

3 *(c) MONITORING OF KNOWN CONTAMINATION.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable and*  
 5 *subject to paragraph (2), any contamination in a*  
 6 *Tract to be conveyed to the State or BSNC under this*  
 7 *subtitle that—*

8 *(A) is identified in writing prior to the con-*  
 9 *veyance; and*

10 *(B) does not pose an immediate or long-*  
 11 *term risk to human health or the environment;*  
 12 *may be routinely monitored and managed by the*  
 13 *State or BSNC, as applicable, through institutional*  
 14 *controls.*

15 *(2) INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS.—Institutional*  
 16 *controls may be used if—*

17 *(A) the Administrator of the Environmental*  
 18 *Protection Agency and the Governor of the State*  
 19 *concur that such controls are protective of*  
 20 *human health and the environment; and*

21 *(B) such controls are carried out in accord-*  
 22 *ance with Federal and State law.*

23 **SEC. 535. EASEMENTS AND ACCESS.**

24 *(a) USE BY COAST GUARD.—The Secretary of the Inte-*  
 25 *rior shall make each conveyance of any relevant Tract*

1 *under this subtitle subject to an easement granting the*  
2 *Coast Guard, at no cost to the Coast Guard—*

3 *(1) use of all existing and future landing pads,*  
4 *airstrips, runways, and taxiways that are located on*  
5 *such Tract; and*

6 *(2) the right to access such landing pads, air-*  
7 *strips, runways, and taxiways.*

8 *(b) USE BY STATE.—For any Tract conveyed to BSNC*  
9 *under this subtitle, BSNC shall provide to the State, if re-*  
10 *quested and pursuant to negotiated terms with the State,*  
11 *an easement granting to the State, at no cost to the State—*

12 *(1) use of all existing and future landing pads,*  
13 *airstrips, runways, and taxiways located on such*  
14 *Tract; and*

15 *(2) a right to access such landing pads, airstrips,*  
16 *runways, and taxiways.*

17 *(c) RIGHT OF ACCESS OR RIGHT OF WAY.—If the*  
18 *State requests a right of access or right of way for a road*  
19 *from the airstrip to the southern tip of Point Spencer, the*  
20 *location of such right of access or right of way shall be deter-*  
21 *mined by the State, in consultation with the Secretary and*  
22 *BSNC, so that such right of access or right of way is com-*  
23 *patible with other existing or planned infrastructure devel-*  
24 *opment at Point Spencer.*

1       (d) *ACCESS EASEMENT ACROSS TRACTS 2, 5, AND 6.*—  
 2 *In conveyance documents to the State and BSNC under this*  
 3 *subtitle, the Coast Guard shall retain an access easement*  
 4 *across Tracts 2, 5, and 6 reasonably necessary to afford the*  
 5 *Coast Guard with access to Tracts 1, 3, and 4 for its oper-*  
 6 *ations.*

7       (e) *ACCESS.*—*Not later than 30 days after the date of*  
 8 *the enactment of this Act, the Coast Guard shall provide*  
 9 *to the State and BSNC, access to Tracts for planning, de-*  
 10 *sign, and engineering related to remediation and use of and*  
 11 *construction on those Tracts.*

12       (f) *PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENTS.*—*No public access*  
 13 *easements may be reserved to the United States under sec-*  
 14 *tion 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43*  
 15 *U.S.C. 1616(b)) with respect to the land conveyed under*  
 16 *this subtitle.*

17 **SEC. 536. RELATIONSHIP TO PUBLIC LAND ORDER 2650.**

18       (a) *TRACTS NOT CONVEYED.*—*Any Tract that is not*  
 19 *conveyed under this subtitle shall remain withdrawn pursu-*  
 20 *ant to Public Land Order 2650 (published in the Federal*  
 21 *Register on April 12, 1962).*

22       (b) *TRACTS CONVEYED.*—*For any Tract conveyed*  
 23 *under this subtitle, Public Land Order 2650 shall automati-*  
 24 *cally terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document*  
 25 *issued pursuant to this subtitle for such Tract.*

1 **SEC. 537. ARCHEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.**

2       *Conveyance of any Tract under this subtitle shall not*  
 3 *affect investigations, criminal jurisdiction, and responsibil-*  
 4 *ities regarding theft or vandalism of archeological or cul-*  
 5 *tural resources located in or on such Tract that took place*  
 6 *prior to conveyance under this subtitle.*

7 **SEC. 538. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.**

8       *(a) PREPARATION OF MAPS AND LEGAL DESCIP-*  
 9 *TIONS.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enact-*  
 10 *ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior in consulta-*  
 11 *tion with the Secretary shall prepare maps and legal de-*  
 12 *scriptions of Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3, Tract 4, Tract 5,*  
 13 *and Tract 6. In doing so, the Secretary of the Interior may*  
 14 *use metes and bounds legal descriptions based upon the offi-*  
 15 *cial survey plats of Point Spencer accepted by the Bureau*  
 16 *of Land Management on December 6, 1978, and on infor-*  
 17 *mation provided by the Secretary.*

18       *(b) SURVEY.—Not later than 5 years after the date of*  
 19 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall*  
 20 *survey Tracts conveyed under this subtitle and patent the*  
 21 *Tracts in accordance with the official plats of survey.*

22       *(c) LEGAL EFFECT.—The maps and legal descriptions*  
 23 *prepared under subsection (a) and the surveys prepared*  
 24 *under subsection (b) shall have the same force and effect*  
 25 *as if the maps and legal descriptions were included in this*  
 26 *Act.*

1       (d) *CORRECTIONS.*—*The Secretary of the Interior may*  
 2 *correct any clerical and typographical errors in the maps*  
 3 *and legal descriptions prepared under subsection (a) and*  
 4 *the surveys prepared under subsection (b).*

5       (e) *AVAILABILITY.*—*Copies of the maps and legal de-*  
 6 *scriptions prepared under subsection (a) and the surveys*  
 7 *prepared under subsection (b) shall be available for public*  
 8 *inspection in the appropriate offices of—*

9               (1) *the Bureau of Land Management; and*

10              (2) *the Coast Guard.*

11 **SEC. 539. CHARGEABILITY FOR LAND CONVEYED.**

12       (a) *CONVEYANCES TO ALASKA.*—*The Secretary of the*  
 13 *Interior shall charge any conveyance of land conveyed to*  
 14 *the State of Alaska pursuant to this subtitle against the*  
 15 *State’s remaining entitlement under section 6(b) of the Act*  
 16 *of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the “Alaska Statehood*  
 17 *Act”;* *Public Law 85–508; 72 Stat. 339).*

18       (b) *CONVEYANCES TO BSNC.*—*The Secretary of the In-*  
 19 *terior shall charge any conveyance of land conveyed to*  
 20 *BSNC pursuant to this subtitle, against BSNC’s remaining*  
 21 *entitlement under section 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native*  
 22 *Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(h)(8)).*

23 **SEC. 540. REDUNDANT CAPABILITY.**

24       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in subsection*  
 25 *(b), section 681 of title 14, United States Code, as amended*



1 *by this Act, shall not be construed to prohibit any transfer*  
 2 *or conveyance of lands under this subtitle or any actions*  
 3 *that involve the dismantling or disposal of infrastructure*  
 4 *that supported the former LORAN system that are associ-*  
 5 *ated with the transfer or conveyance of lands under this*  
 6 *subtitle.*

7       (b) *CONTINUED ACCESS TO AND USE OF FACILI-*  
 8 *TIES.—If the Secretary of the department in which the*  
 9 *Coast Guard is operating determines, within the 5-year pe-*  
 10 *riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
 11 *that a facility on any of Tract 1, Tract 3, or Tract 4 that*  
 12 *is transferred under this subtitle is subsequently required*  
 13 *to provide a positioning, navigation, and timing system to*  
 14 *provide redundant capability in the event GPS signals are*  
 15 *disrupted, the Secretary may, for as long as such facility*  
 16 *is needed to provide redundant capability—*

17               (1) *operate, maintain, keep, locate, inspect, re-*  
 18               *pair, and replace such facility; and*

19               (2) *in carrying out the activities described in*  
 20               *paragraph (1), enter, at any time, the facility with-*  
 21               *out notice to the extent that it is not possible to pro-*  
 22               *vide advance notice.*

1 **SEC. 541. PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR POINT SPEN-**  
 2 **CER.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established a Port Co-*  
 4 *ordination Council for the Port of Point Spencer.*

5 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—*The Council shall consist of a rep-*  
 6 *resentative appointed by each of the following:*

7 (1) *The State.*

8 (2) *BSNC.*

9 (c) *DUTIES.*—*The duties of the Council are as follows:*

10 (1) *To develop a Port Management Coordination*  
 11 *Plan to help coordinate infrastructure development*  
 12 *and operations at the Port of Point Spencer, that in-*  
 13 *cludes plans for—*

14 (A) *construction;*

15 (B) *funding eligibility;*

16 (C) *land use planning and development;*

17 *and*

18 (D) *public interest use and access, emer-*  
 19 *gency preparedness, law enforcement, protection*  
 20 *of Alaska Native archaeological and cultural re-*  
 21 *sources, and other matters that are necessary for*  
 22 *public and private entities to function in prox-*  
 23 *imity together in a remote location.*

24 (2) *Update the Plan annually for the first 5*  
 25 *years after the date of the enactment of this Act and*  
 26 *biennially thereafter.*

1           (3) *Facilitate coordination among BSNC, the*  
 2           *State, and the Coast Guard, on the development and*  
 3           *use of the land and coastline as such development re-*  
 4           *lates to activities at the Port of Point Spencer.*

5           (4) *Assess the need, benefits, efficacy, and desir-*  
 6           *ability of establishing in the future a port authority*  
 7           *at Point Spencer under State law and act upon that*  
 8           *assessment, as appropriate, including taking steps for*  
 9           *the potential formation of such a port authority.*

10          (d) *PLAN.—In addition to the requirements under sub-*  
 11          *section (c)(1) to the greatest extent practicable, the Plan de-*  
 12          *veloped by the Council shall facilitate and support the stat-*  
 13          *utory missions and duties of the Coast Guard and oper-*  
 14          *ations of the Coast Guard in the Arctic.*

15          (e) *COSTS.—Operations and management costs for*  
 16          *airstrips, runways, and taxiways at Point Spencer shall*  
 17          *be determined pursuant to provisions of the Plan, as nego-*  
 18          *tiated by the Council.*

## 19           ***TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS***

### 20          ***SEC. 601. MODIFICATION OF REPORTS.***

21          (a) *DISTANT WATER TUNA FLEET.—Section 421(d) of*  
 22          *the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006*  
 23          *(46 U.S.C. 8103 note) is amended by striking “On March*  
 24          *1, 2007, and annually thereafter” and inserting “Not later*  
 25          *than July 1 of each year”.*

1       (b) *ANNUAL UPDATES ON LIMITS TO LIABILITY.*—Sec-  
 2       tion 603(c)(3) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transpor-  
 3       tation Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C. 2704 note) is amended by  
 4       striking “on an annual basis.” and inserting “not later  
 5       than January 30 of the year following each year in which  
 6       occurs an oil discharge from a vessel or nonvessel source  
 7       that results or is likely to result in removal costs and dam-  
 8       ages (as those terms are defined in section 1001 of the Oil  
 9       Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701)) that exceed liabil-  
 10      ity limits established under section 1004 of the Oil Pollu-  
 11      tion Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2704).”.

12      (c) *REPORT.*—Not later than 60 days after the date  
 13      of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast  
 14      Guard shall submit to the Secretary of the department in  
 15      which the Coast Guard is operating a report detailing the  
 16      specifications and capabilities for interoperable commu-  
 17      nications the Commandant determines are necessary to  
 18      allow the Coast Guard to successfully carry out its missions  
 19      that require communications with other Federal agencies,  
 20      State and local governments, and nongovernmental entities.

21      **SEC. 602. SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THE GREAT LAKES.**

22      *The Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Trans-*  
 23      *portation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–281) is amended—*

24               (1) *in section 610, by—*

1           (A) striking the section enumerator and  
2           heading and inserting the following:

3   **“SEC. 610. SAFE VESSEL OPERATION IN THE GREAT**  
4           **LAKES.”;**

5           (B) striking “existing boundaries and any  
6           future expanded boundaries of the Thunder Bay  
7           National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater  
8           Preserve” and inserting “boundaries of any na-  
9           tional marine sanctuary that preserves ship-  
10          wrecks or maritime heritage in the Great Lakes”;  
11          and

12          (C) inserting before the period at the end  
13          the following: “, unless the designation docu-  
14          ments for such sanctuary do not allow taking up  
15          or discharging ballast water in such sanctuary”;  
16          and

17          (2) in the table of contents in section 2, by strik-  
18          ing the item relating to such section and inserting the  
19          following:

“Sec. 610. Safe vessel operation in the Great Lakes.”.

20   **SEC. 603. USE OF VESSEL SALE PROCEEDS.**

21          (a) *AUDIT.*—The Comptroller General of the United  
22          States shall conduct an audit of funds credited in each fis-  
23          cal year after fiscal year 2004 to the Vessel Operations Re-  
24          volving Fund that are attributable to the sale of obsolete  
25          vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet that were

1 *scrapped or sold under sections 57102, 57103, and 57104*  
2 *of title 46, United States Code, including—*

3       *(1) a complete accounting of all vessel sale pro-*  
4       *ceeds attributable to the sale of obsolete vessels in the*  
5       *National Defense Reserve Fleet that were scrapped or*  
6       *sold under sections 57102, 57103, and 57104 of title*  
7       *46, United States Code, in each fiscal year after fiscal*  
8       *year 2004;*

9       *(2) the annual apportionment of proceeds ac-*  
10      *counted for under paragraph (1) among the uses au-*  
11      *thorized under section 308704 of title 54, United*  
12      *States Code, in each fiscal year after fiscal year 2004,*  
13      *including—*

14           *(A) for National Maritime Heritage Grants,*  
15           *including a list of all annual National Maritime*  
16           *Heritage Grant grant and subgrant awards that*  
17           *identifies the respective grant and subgrant re-*  
18           *cipients and grant and subgrant amounts;*

19           *(B) for the preservation and presentation to*  
20           *the public of maritime heritage property of the*  
21           *Maritime Administration;*

22           *(C) to the United States Merchant Marine*  
23           *Academy and State maritime academies, includ-*  
24           *ing a list of annual awards; and*

1           (D) for the acquisition, repair, recondi-  
 2           tioning, or improvement of vessels in the Na-  
 3           tional Defense Reserve Fleet; and

4           (3) an accounting of proceeds, if any, attrib-  
 5           utable to the sale of obsolete vessels in the National  
 6           Defense Reserve Fleet that were scrapped or sold  
 7           under sections 57102, 57103, and 57104 of title 46,  
 8           United States Code, in each fiscal year after fiscal  
 9           year 2004, that were expended for uses not authorized  
 10          under section 308704 of title 54, United States Code.

11          (b) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS*.—Not later than 180  
 12          days after the date of the enactment this Act, the Comp-  
 13          troller General shall submit the audit conducted in sub-  
 14          section (a) to the Committee on Armed Services, the Com-  
 15          mittee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Trans-  
 16          portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
 17          tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
 18          portation of the Senate.

19   **SEC. 604. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COST ASSESS-**  
 20           **MENT.**

21          (a) *COST ASSESSMENT*.—The Secretary of the depart-  
 22          ment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall seek to  
 23          enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of  
 24          Sciences under which the Academy, by no later than 365  
 25          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, shall submit

1 *to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and*  
2 *the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the*  
3 *House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
4 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate an assessment*  
5 *of the costs incurred by the Federal Government to carry*  
6 *out polar icebreaking missions. The assessment shall—*

7           (1) *describe current and emerging requirements*  
8 *for the Coast Guard’s polar icebreaking capabilities,*  
9 *taking into account the rapidly changing ice cover in*  
10 *the Arctic environment, national security consider-*  
11 *ations, and expanding commercial activities in the*  
12 *Arctic and Antarctic, including marine transpor-*  
13 *tation, energy development, fishing, and tourism;*

14           (2) *identify potential design, procurement, leas-*  
15 *ing, service contracts, crewing, and technology options*  
16 *that could minimize life-cycle costs and optimize effi-*  
17 *ciency and reliability of Coast Guard polar icebreaker*  
18 *operations in the Arctic and Antarctic; and*

19           (3) *examine—*

20               (A) *Coast Guard estimates of the procure-*  
21 *ment and operating costs of a Polar icebreaker*  
22 *capable of carrying out Coast Guard maritime*  
23 *safety, national security, and stewardship re-*  
24 *sponsibilities including—*



1                   (i) economies of scale that might be  
2                   achieved for construction of multiple vessels;  
3                   and

4                   (ii) costs of renovating existing polar  
5                   class icebreakers to operate for a period of  
6                   no less than 10 years.

7                   (B) the incremental cost to augment the de-  
8                   sign of such an icebreaker for multiuse capabili-  
9                   ties for scientific missions;

10                  (C) the potential to offset such incremental  
11                  cost through cost-sharing agreements with other  
12                  Federal departments and agencies; and

13                  (D) United States polar icebreaking capa-  
14                  bility in comparison with that of other Arctic  
15                  nations, and with nations that conduct research  
16                  in the Arctic.

17                  (b) INCLUDED COSTS.—For purposes of subsection (a),  
18                  the assessment shall include costs incurred by the Federal  
19                  Government for—

20                   (1) the lease or operation and maintenance of the  
21                   vessel or vessels concerned;

22                   (2) disposal of such vessels at the end of the use-  
23                   ful life of the vessels;

24                   (3) retirement and other benefits for Federal em-  
25                   ployees who operate such vessels; and

1           (4) *interest payments assumed to be incurred for*  
 2       *Federal capital expenditures.*

3       (c) *ASSUMPTIONS.—For purposes of comparing the*  
 4 *costs of such alternatives, the Academy shall assume that—*

5           (1) *each vessel under consideration is—*

6               (A) *capable of breaking out McMurdo Sta-*  
 7 *tion and conducting Coast Guard missions in*  
 8 *the Antarctic, and in the United States territory*  
 9 *in the Arctic (as that term is defined in section*  
 10 *112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of*  
 11 *1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111)); and*

12               (B) *operated for a period of 30 years;*

13           (2) *the acquisition of services and the operation*  
 14 *of each vessel begins on the same date; and*

15           (3) *the periods for conducting Coast Guard mis-*  
 16 *sions in the Arctic are of equal lengths.*

17       (d) *USE OF INFORMATION.—In formulating cost pur-*  
 18 *suant to subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences*  
 19 *may utilize information from other Coast Guard reports,*  
 20 *assessments, or analyses regarding existing Coast Guard*  
 21 *Polar class icebreakers or for the acquisition of a polar ice-*  
 22 *breaker for the Federal Government.*

23 **SEC. 605. COASTWISE ENDORSEMENTS.**

24       (a) *“ELETTRA III”.—*

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding sections*  
 2           *12112 and 12132, of title 46, United States Code, and*  
 3           *subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary of the*  
 4           *department in which the Coast Guard is operating*  
 5           *may issue a certificate of documentation with a coast-*  
 6           *wise endorsement for the vessel M/V Elettra III*  
 7           *(United States official number 694607).*

8           (2) *LIMITATION ON OPERATION.*—*Coastwise*  
 9           *trade authorized under a certificate of documentation*  
 10          *issued under paragraph (1) shall be limited to the*  
 11          *carriage of passengers and equipment in association*  
 12          *with the operation of the vessel in the Puget Sound*  
 13          *region to support marine and maritime science edu-*  
 14          *cation.*

15          (3) *TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CER-*  
 16          *TIFICATE.*—*A certificate of documentation issued*  
 17          *under paragraph (1) shall expire on the earlier of—*

18                (A) *the date of the sale of the vessel or the*  
 19                *entity that owns the vessel;*

20                (B) *the date any repairs or alterations are*  
 21                *made to the vessel outside of the United States;*  
 22                *or*

23                (C) *the date the vessel is no longer operated*  
 24                *as a vessel in the Puget Sound region to support*  
 25                *the marine and maritime science education.*

1       (b) “*F/V RONDYS*”.—Notwithstanding section 12132 of  
 2   *title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of the depart-*  
 3   *ment in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue a*  
 4   *certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement*  
 5   *for the F/V Rondys (O.N. 291085)*

6   **SEC. 606. INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL.**

7       (a) *REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT.*—Not later than 180  
 8   *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-*  
 9   *mandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee*  
 10   *on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate*  
 11   *and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*  
 12   *and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of*  
 13   *the House of Representatives a report that describes the cur-*  
 14   *rent operations to perform the International Ice Patrol mis-*  
 15   *sion and on alternatives for carrying out that mission, in-*  
 16   *cluding satellite surveillance technology.*

17       (b) *ALTERNATIVES.*—The report required by subsection  
 18   (a) shall include whether an alternative—

19           (1) *provides timely data on ice conditions with*  
 20       *the highest possible resolution and accuracy;*

21           (2) *is able to operate in all weather conditions*  
 22       *or any time of day; and*

23           (3) *is more cost effective than the cost of current*  
 24       *operations.*

1 **SEC. 607. ASSESSMENT OF OIL SPILL RESPONSE AND**  
 2 **CLEANUP ACTIVITIES IN THE GREAT LAKES.**

3 (a) *ASSESSMENT.*—*The Commandant of the Coast*  
 4 *Guard, in consultation with the Administrator of the Na-*  
 5 *tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the*  
 6 *head of any other agency the Commandant determines ap-*  
 7 *propriate, shall conduct an assessment of the effectiveness*  
 8 *of oil spill response activities specific to the Great Lakes.*  
 9 *Such assessment shall include—*

10 (1) *an evaluation of new research into oil spill*  
 11 *impacts in fresh water under a wide range of condi-*  
 12 *tions; and*

13 (2) *an evaluation of oil spill prevention and*  
 14 *clean up contingency plans, in order to improve un-*  
 15 *derstanding of oil spill impacts in the Great Lakes*  
 16 *and foster innovative improvements to safety tech-*  
 17 *nologies and environmental protection systems.*

18 (b) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 2 years*  
 19 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant*  
 20 *of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Congress a report*  
 21 *on the results of the assessment required by subsection (a).*

22 **SEC. 608. REPORT ON STATUS OF TECHNOLOGY DETECTING**  
 23 **PASSENGERS WHO HAVE FALLEN OVER-**  
 24 **BOARD.**

25 *Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-*  
 26 *ment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall*

1 *submit a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science,*  
2 *and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on*  
3 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*  
4 *resentatives that—*

5       (1) *describes the status of technology for imme-*  
6 *diately detecting passengers who have fallen over-*  
7 *board;*

8       (2) *includes a recommendation to cruise lines on*  
9 *the feasibility of implementing technology that imme-*  
10 *diately detects passengers who have fallen overboard,*  
11 *factoring in cost and the risk of false positives;*

12       (3) *includes data collected from cruise lines on*  
13 *the status of the integration of the technology de-*  
14 *scribed in paragraph (2) on cruise ships, including—*

15           (A) *the number of cruise ships that have the*  
16 *technology to capture images of passengers who*  
17 *have fallen overboard; and*

18           (B) *the number of cruise lines that have*  
19 *tested technology that can detect passengers who*  
20 *have fallen overboard; and*

21       (4) *includes information on any other available*  
22 *technologies that cruise ships could integrate to assist*  
23 *in facilitating the search and rescue of a passenger*  
24 *who has fallen overboard.*

1 **SEC. 609. VENUE.**

2       *Section 311(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-*  
 3 *servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861(d)) is*  
 4 *amended by striking the second sentence and inserting “In*  
 5 *the case of Hawaii or any possession of the United States*  
 6 *in the Pacific Ocean, the appropriate court is the United*  
 7 *States District Court for the District of Hawaii, except that*  
 8 *in the case of Guam and Wake Island, the appropriate court*  
 9 *is the United States District Court for the District of Guam,*  
 10 *and in the case of the Northern Mariana Islands, the appro-*  
 11 *priate court is the United States District Court for the Dis-*  
 12 *trict of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.*

13 **SEC. 610. DISPOSITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO**  
 14 **E-LORAN.**

15       *(a) DISPOSITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE.—*

16               *(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 14, United*  
 17 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
 18 *lowing:*

19 **“§ 681. Disposition of infrastructure related to E-**  
 20 **LORAN**

21       *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not carry out*  
 22 *activities related to the dismantling or disposal of infra-*  
 23 *structure comprising the LORAN–C system until the date*  
 24 *on which the Secretary provides to the Committee on Trans-*  
 25 *portation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Appro-*  
 26 *priations of the House of Representatives and the Com-*

1 *mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the*  
 2 *Committee on Appropriations of the Senate notice of a de-*  
 3 *termination by the Secretary that such infrastructure is not*  
 4 *required to provide a positioning, navigation, and timing*  
 5 *system to provide redundant capability in the event the*  
 6 *Global Positioning System signals are disrupted.*

7 “(b) *EXCEPTION.*—Subsection (a) does not apply to ac-  
 8 *tivities necessary for the safety of human life.*

9 “(c) *DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.*—

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—On any date after the notifi-  
 11 *cation is made under subsection (a), the Adminis-*  
 12 *trator of General Services, acting on behalf of the Sec-*  
 13 *retary, may, notwithstanding any other provision of*  
 14 *law, sell any real and personal property under the*  
 15 *administrative control of the Coast Guard and used*  
 16 *for the LORAN-C system, subject to such terms and*  
 17 *conditions that the Secretary believes to be necessary*  
 18 *to protect government interests and program require-*  
 19 *ments of the Coast Guard.*

20 “(2) *AVAILABILITY OF PROCEEDS.*—

21 “(A) *AVAILABILITY OF PROCEEDS.*—The  
 22 *proceeds of such sales, less the costs of sale in-*  
 23 *curred by the General Services Administration,*  
 24 *shall be deposited as offsetting collections into the*  
 25 *Coast Guard ‘Environmental Compliance and*



1       *Restoration’ account and, without further appro-*  
2       *priation, shall be available until expended for—*

3               “(i) *environmental compliance and*  
4               *restoration purposes associated with the*  
5               *LORAN–C system;*

6               “(ii) *the costs of securing and main-*  
7               *taining equipment that may be used as a*  
8               *backup to the Global Positioning System or*  
9               *to meet any other Federal navigation re-*  
10              *quirement;*

11              “(iii) *the demolition of improvements*  
12              *on such real property; and*

13              “(iv) *the costs associated with the sale*  
14              *of such real and personal property, includ-*  
15              *ing due diligence requirements, necessary*  
16              *environmental remediation, and reimburse-*  
17              *ment of expenses incurred by the General*  
18              *Services Administration.*

19              “(B) *OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE*  
20              *AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.—After the com-*  
21              *pletion of activities described in subparagraph*  
22              *(A), the unexpended balances of such proceeds*  
23              *shall be available for any other environmental*  
24              *compliance and restoration activities of the*  
25              *Coast Guard.”*

1           (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis at the*  
 2           *beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at*  
 3           *the end the following:*

*“681. Disposition of infrastructure related to E–LORAN.”.*

4           (3) *CONFORMING REPEALS.*—

5                   (A) *Section 229 of the Howard Coble Coast*  
 6                   *Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014*  
 7                   *(Public Law 113–281; 128 Stat. 3040), and the*  
 8                   *item relating to that section in section 2 of such*  
 9                   *Act, are repealed.*

10                   (B) *Subsection 559(e) of the Department of*  
 11                   *Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010*  
 12                   *(Public Law 111–83; 123 Stat. 2180) is re-*  
 13                   *pealed.*

14           (b) *AGREEMENTS TO DEVELOP BACKUP POSITIONING,*  
 15           *NAVIGATION, AND TIMING SYSTEM.*—*Section 93(a) of title*  
 16           *14, United States Code, is amended by striking “and” after*  
 17           *the semicolon at the end of paragraph (23), by striking the*  
 18           *period at the end of paragraph (24) and inserting “; and”,*  
 19           *and by adding at the end the following the following:*

20                   “(25) *enter into cooperative agreements, con-*  
 21                   *tracts, and other agreements with Federal entities and*  
 22                   *other public or private entities, including academic*  
 23                   *entities, to develop a positioning, navigation, and*  
 24                   *timing system to provide redundant capability in the*  
 25                   *event Global Positioning System signals are dis-*

1        *rupted, which may consist of an enhanced LORAN*  
 2        *system.”.*

3    **SEC. 611. PARKING.**

4        *Section 611(a) of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and*  
 5        *Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–*  
 6        *281; 128 Stat. 3064) is amended by adding at the end the*  
 7        *following:*

8            *“(3) REIMBURSEMENT.—Through September 30, 2017,*  
 9        *additional parking made available under paragraph (2)*  
 10        *shall be made available at no cost to the Coast Guard or*  
 11        *members and employees of the Coast Guard.”.*

12    **SEC. 612. INAPPLICABILITY OF LOAD LINE REQUIREMENTS**  
 13                    **TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES VESSELS TRAV-**  
 14                    **ELING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.**

15        *Section 5102(b) of title 46, United States Code, is*  
 16        *amended by adding at the end the following:*

17            *“(13) a vessel of the United States on a domestic*  
 18        *voyage that is within the Gulf of Mexico and oper-*  
 19        *ating not more than 15 nautical miles seaward of the*  
 20        *base line from which the territorial sea of the United*

- 1 *States is measured between Crystal Bay, Florida and*
- 2 *Hudson Creek, Florida.”.*

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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